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NEW GOVERNMENT FOR CHINA

RESULTS OF ELECTIONS

Nanking, Yesterday.

It is officially announced that the results of to-day's elections are as follows:

Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government.

Sun Fo President, and Chen Ming-shu Vice-President, of the Executive Yuan.

Chang Chi President, and Chen Cheng Vice-President, of the Legislative Yuan.

Tai Chi-tao President, and Liu Lu-yin Vice-President, of the Examination Yuan.

Yu Yu-jen President, and Ling Wei-feng Vice-President, of the Control Yuan.

C. C. Wu President, and Chu Cheng Vice-President, of the Judicial Yuan.

It is considered significant that the occupants of the six highest positions in the new Government are civilians.

STANDING COMMITTEE OF C.E.C.

The following nine members of the Standing Committee of the Central Executive Council were elected this afternoon:

Chiang Kai-shek, Hu Han-min, Wang Ching-wei, Sun Fo, Yu Yu-jen, Ku Men-yu, Chu Cheng, Chen uo-fu, and Yeh Chut-sang (who was elected Secretary General of the Kuomintang).

The Standing Committee of the Central Political Council will have only three members, namely Chen uo-fu, and Yeh Chut-sang and Hu Han-min.

The Nanking group favoured Yu Yu-jen as chairman of National Government but the Canton group supported Lin Sen. — Reuter.

THE DIPHTHERIA EPIDEMIC

INTERVIEW WITH M.O.H.

BOIL THE MILK — KEEP AWAY FROM CROWDS — HOME PRECAUTIONS.

When seen by a *China Mail* representative this morning with regard to the diphtheria epidemic, Dr. G. W. Pope, M.O.H., first of all pointed out two errors which had appeared in the Press, other than the *China Mail*, and asked that corrections be made in order to remove any possible misunderstanding.

Erroneous Statement.

The first point made by Dr. Pope was that he was reported to have stated that the trouble extended from Shanshui to the Peak. What he actually said was from Sheungshui to the Peak, which, he commented, was an entirely different proposition.

Another matter was the report that the Naval Hospital is full. He emphasised that it is not due to diphtheria. So far he has no knowledge of any case of diphtheria occurring in the personnel of the Royal Navy.

Asked about the floating population generally, boat people included, Dr. Pope said that he has no knowledge of any case among them.

Unboiled Milk Suspected.

The tracing of the source of the disease to the drinking of milk, which had not been boiled, is supported by the fact that the Military cases, which have so far occurred, were among the the Military families, not a single case having occurred among the men in barracks.

In barracks, the doctor pointed out, the men get their milk served to them after it had been boiled, whereas in the families the boiling of milk before drinking is a matter of personal likes and dislikes.

Six More Cases.

Up to the time of the interview, 12.30 p.m., to-day, six further cases of diphtheria have been reported. Of these one is a Chinese imported case, one an infant from a wealthy Chinese family, and the other four non-Chinese. Here, again, it is significant that only the better classes of whatever nationality are the sufferers. The fact that the poorer classes are not affected, again, goes to confirm the suspicion placed on milk as the source of infection.

Keep Away from Crowds.

Asked as to the advisability of closing down public places of entertainment and schools, Dr. Pope said that he would not say that it was not advisable, but the position is not yet such as to warrant official steps being taken in this direction. The warning, "Keep away from crowds," in yesterday's *China Mail*, he considers ample for the present to put the public on its guard and use their discretion.

Adequate Hospital Accommodation.

Questioned as to reports that accommodation at the hospitals has been severely taxed during the last few days, Dr. Pope gave it as his opinion that hospital accommodation is not yet fully taken up.

Treatment in the Home.

Our reporter asked if there was any objection to treatment at home, and Dr. Pope said that there was none whatever, if the trouble is treated in its earlier stage, and the advisability of going to hospital is not yet fully taken up.

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UNEMPLOYMENT IN UNITED STATES.

Grim Spectre of Starvation.

\$700,000,000 NEEDED.

Washington, Yesterday.

The spectre of starvation faces millions, declared Mr. Hudson, Executive Secretary of the Welfare Council of New York, giving evidence on the unemployment question before the Senate Committee to-day.

Nearly seven hundred million dollars are needed to relieve unemployment in the coming year, according to Mr. Goldsmith, Director of Jewish Charities, in Chicago. — Reuter's American Service.

NOTED GANGSTER ACQUITTED.

"Baby Killing" Episode.

AUGUST INCIDENT.

New York, Yesterday.

Vincent Coll, a noted gangster, who was arrested early in October, and, with Giordano and three others unnamed, charged with murder in the first degree, has been acquitted. — Reuter's American Service.

[Some time in August, in the course of warfare between rival criminal gangs, two little children were wounded and three killed outright, while at play on a street in New York. The outrage aroused public indignation at the time, and the Police Commissioner was obliged to take drastic and energetic steps to bring the perpetrators of this abominable incident to book.]

DANGEROUS DRIVING.

Might Have Collided with Governor's Car.

STIFF FINES.

What might have resulted in a serious accident, involving H.E. the Governor's (Sir William Peel) car was related in the Central Police Court this morning, by Sergeant B. G. Baker, when a Chinese driver was summoned before Mr. Schofield for driving in a dangerous manner.

Sergeant Baker said he was escorting His Excellency the Governor to a race meeting at Happy Valley on November 28 last, when along Queen's Road East, near the Naval Hospital, defendant, who was approaching them, drove his car past a lorry at the junction of Wanchai Road and the Wanchai Market — a very busy centre.

What he was scared about, said the Sergeant, was that the Governor might have been in danger. Defendant was rushing back to town in order to take more fares to the races.

A fine of \$25 was imposed.

A similar penalty was meted out to another Chinese driver, who was stated by Traffic-Sub-Inspector Nicoll to have travelled along Queen's Road East, near the Naval Terrace, at a speed of 30 miles an hour, and to have cut in between a van and a moving tramcar. The van was forced to stop in order to avoid a collision.

You are busy. Yet you want to be informed of the news of the day. Then, turn to the back page and glean the news. It's there conveniently summarised for you.

RETURN OF EROS.

Londoners Are Pleased.

OLD LANDMARK.



Rugby, Yesterday.

Interest was shown by crowds passing through Piccadilly Circus to-day in the "Statue of Eros," which after an absence of over six years, was replaced during the night of the island site in the Circus where the roadways have now been re-arranged to facilitate the round-about traffic system.

Erected in 1893 as a memorial to the late Alfred Gilbert, to symbolise charity and love, became a well-known landmark. It was removed during the work on reconstruction of the Underground Railway Station.

There were many signs to-day that its return to Piccadilly commands popular approval. — British Wireless Service.

Burying the Shaft.

The Londoner's Diary, in the Evening Standard of December 3 has this:

Now that the return of Eros to Piccadilly Circus is a matter of so much public discussion, I have been sounding my friends, knowledgeable in London lore, concerning its symbolism.

They were all aware, of course, that the loosely-used term "Eros" should, officially, be "the Shaftesbury memorial fountain"; but only one of them knew that the statue is a pun in bronze on the great statesman's name.

Love burying a shaft in the heart of humanity — that is the idea conveyed.

It is sometimes forgotten, too, that the inscription on the base of the statue was written by W. E. Gladstone. It is a noble and sonorous tribute — memorable because it comes from one who, in Shaftesbury's own words, "ever voted in resistance to my efforts."

FLOOD RELIEF IN CHINA.

\$250 Contribution.

Geneva, Yesterday.

The Society of Friends, of Britain, has contributed \$250 for flood relief in China, which, with other sums, has enabled the despatch of an Egyptian bacteriologist, assistants and a travelling laboratory equipped with anti-smallpox and anti-cholera vaccine. Among the Governments which responded to the League's appeal, to aid in flood relief are Holland, Spain, France, Poland, Denmark, and Sweden. — Reuter.

HARMSTON'S CIRCUS.

Harmston's Circus is expected here about the end of January. Mr. Richard Bell, the manager, arrived yesterday to secure a site.

The season in Java was an exceptionally successful one, while in Manila large crowds attended daily.

The Circus is much bigger than when it visited the Colony two years ago.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

Better Tone Reported This Morning.

PRICES ADVANCE.

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange to-day states: A better tone prevailed at the opening session this morning, and prices were marked up generally.

Sales.

Hotels (old), \$154.
Buyers.

St amboats, \$24.
Wharves, \$153.
Hotels (old), \$154.
Hotels (new), \$144.
Realities, \$11.80.
Ewos, \$11.15.
Star Ferries, \$96.
Electricity, \$78.
Cements (combined), \$19.60.
Cements (old), \$124.
Dairy Farms, \$20.10.
Powells, \$34.
Constructions (old), \$5.55.
Constructions (new), \$1.90.
Waterboats, \$24.
Providents (old), \$54.
Providents (new), \$2.40.
H.K. Lands, \$82.
Chinese Estates, \$95.
Trams, \$22.

RUBBER CONTROL SCHEME.

45 Per Cent. of 1929 Output.

SENT D.E.I. TO APPROVE.

London, Yesterday.

The Financial Times Amsterdam correspondent states that he has gathered from a generally reliable source that it is understood, a scheme for rubber restriction has been completed after discussion between Anglo-Dutch interested parties and mailed acrially to the new Governor of the Dutch East Indies, where it is due to arrive early in the New Year.

The scheme provides for restriction of production by European plantations of 45 per cent. of their 1929 output. Native output in the Dutch East Indies will, probably, be reduced proportionately. — Reuter.

JAPAN IN MANCHURIA.

Increased Military Activity.

CHINESE PROTEST NOTE.

Geneva, Yesterday.

A fresh Chinese note handed to the League Secretariat details the movements of Japanese troops and proclamation by General Honjo which, the note declares, appear to denote increasing Japanese military activity with the intention of extending occupation. — Reuter.

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DASHING FROM INDIAN LIPS

THE CUP OF FREEDOM OFFERED BY BRITAIN

PREMIER'S COMMENT

GANDHI'S SENSATIONAL STATEMENT ON HIS RETURN TO INDIA.

London, Yesterday.

"It is very hard, when Government has given more proof than any of its predecessors, that it is preparing, in conjunction with leaders of Indian opinion, to broaden Indian freedom, that exponents of violence and disorder are dashing the cup that is being offered from Indian lips," declared Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, when interviewed at Lissiemouth regarding renewal of disorder in India.

The Premier added, that every Indian who cares for his Motherland must share Government's regret at recent happenings which do not represent baffled, oppressed India struggling to be free, but a mischievous movement for the trampling upon of Indian progress.

"REDS" DISORDERS.

Peshawar, Yesterday.

Dressed in white and garlanded individual "Reds," shouting revolutionary slogans, march to police posts and offer themselves for arrest. Otherwise, the situation has improved. British troops have been withdrawn from the city. "Reds" were twice dispersed when attempting to hold a meeting at Gonda. Twenty were wounded on the first occasion, and four were killed and eight wounded on the second occasion. The area is now quiet. The total number of arrests in the whole Province are, at present, 763. — Reuter.

Anti-Gandhi Demonstration.

Bombay, Yesterday.

Mahatma Gandhi's arrival this morning was the signal for an attempt by a thousand "Untouchable" volunteers, armed with lathis and carrying black flags, to stage an anti-Gandhi demonstration, on the pier.

Twelve persons were injured in a clash with Congress volunteers before the police disarmed them. Mahatma's Sensational Statement.

"If a fight becomes inevitable, I invite you to be ready for it," is the sensational statement made by Gandhi in a public speech here this evening. He added: — "I won't give up my attempts to save the nation a fiery ordeal, but if there is no single ray of hope, I won't flinch from inviting you to undergo any amount of suffering."

Face Bullets.

The Mahatma also said that in the last fight they had to face lathis (clubs), but in this fight they would have to face bullets. He declared that if the recent ordinances were repealed, he would advise Congress to co-operate with the Round Table Committee, but what he learnt after his arrival in Bombay left little hope of co-operation, unless he was to lose all sense of self-respect. — Reuter.

LADY ASSAULTED AND ROBBED.

Matron of Military Hospital.

SUSPECT HELD.

Miss E. St. Quintin, Matron of the Military Hospital, was the victim of a cowardly attack by a Chinese in Bowen Road yesterday afternoon, as a result of which she is now in hospital suffering from shock and injuries.

At about five o'clock, Miss St. Quintin was walking along Bowen sustained severe injuries to her purse, when, suddenly, she was attacked by a Chinese, who sneaked up from behind her. The lady was knocked into a nullah, falling a height of six or seven feet. She sustained severe injuries to her face and hands, besides being bruised about the body.

The Chinese made away with her purse, and left Miss St. Quintin lying in the nullah.

About an hour later, whilst Police Constable Pand Singh (B444) was patrolling in Macdonnell Road, he noticed a Chinese walking along hurriedly with something bulky under his jacket, which he covered with his right hand. His suspicions aroused, the constable approached him, and as he did so, the Chinese bolted. He was chased, and near Scandal Point, the man jumped into a nullah, and continued to run, with the constable in hot pursuit on the bank. However, the Chinese stumbled and fell, and was arrested by the Indian. When searched a purse was found in his possession.

This purse was later traced back to its rightful owner, and after help had arrived, Miss St. Quintin was taken to hospital. The culprit was taken to the Central Police Station, and brought before Mr. E. H. Williams in the Central Police Court this morning, when he gave his name as Tang Shing. He was charged with theft, and, secondly, with assault.

Inspector Shaftain, for the prosecution, informed his Worship that Miss St. Quintin was badly hurt, and suffering from shock.

The Magistrate remanded the accused for 48 hours.

BATA'S PLANE COMES TO GRIEF

Vienna, Yesterday.

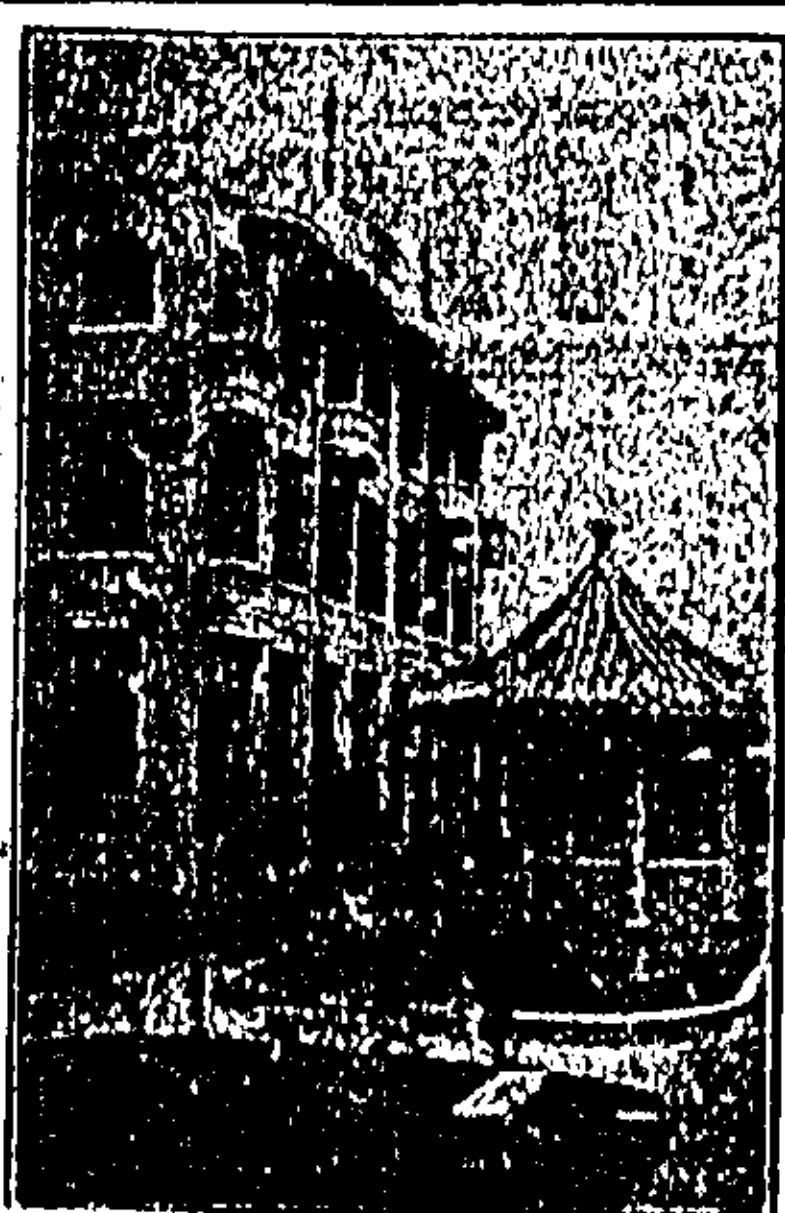
Two exhausted airmen staggered into the village of Tweng, West Austria, to-day, and stammered out a story of how they crashed in the mountains in a fog, and had been wandering in the snow for two and a half days in search of help. One was the well-known British airman, Neville Stack, who had been piloting the wealthy Czechoslovak boot manufacturer, Bata, on a business trip with the ultimate destination as the Far East. The machine was wrecked, and Stack and the pilot were unhurt. So far there is no news of Bata and the other passengers.

Later.

It now transpires that Neville Stack was not in the aeroplane which crashed, the sole occupants of which were Lukas, acting pilot, and a mechanic. — Reuter.

The Committee of the Stock Exchange have fixed the following dates as the Settlement Days for the ensuing year: —

Tuesday, January 26.
Friday, February 26.
Tuesday, March 22.
Tuesday, April 26.
Tuesday, May 24.
Tuesday, June 23.
Tuesday, July 26.
Tuesday, August 30.
Tuesday, September 27.
Tuesday, October 25.
Tuesday, November 23.
Tuesday, December 20.



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PRIZE FIGHT.

Eugene Corri wrote of the Schmelling v. Stribling fight, to be screened at the King's Theatre, commencing to-morrow:

At to Stribling, I am bound to say that I was not prepared for his defeat. He won me over to him when he was here, and there was his long and varied experience to commend him. No fighter within recent years has so persistently tried for a place among the world-beaters, and none, when the grand opportunity came, could have more signally failed. I refuse to believe that he had gone stale. So to believe would be to deny the credit due to the German. It is but fair and proper to say of Schmelling that his establishment as the first fighter of all the nations is complete. The confession which we all make—that there was seldom a period when heavy-weights were less formidable—is not to be meant as a disparagement of Schmelling. He has done more than could have been reasonably expected. I hope to see him in the ring, and against Carnera, before the Winter comes.

"GRUMPY."

With Paramount's renowned production of "The Devil's Holiday," starring Nancy Carroll, came the rise to fame of Phillips Holmes, son of Taylor Holmes, the veteran stage and screen player.

Young Holmes, in his role of the "boy from the wheat," who fell in love with Miss Carroll in the film, received the plaudits of the critics for his exceptional acting in the production.

As a result of this, Holmes was chosen to play the leading male romantic part in Cyril Maude's "Grumpy," the feature attraction at the King's Theatre to-day.

Holmes's new part is that of an Englishman. However, he was not bothered by the recent requirements of the role as he studied in England for five years, receiving part of his education at Trinity College.

"TABU."

Polynesians are the principal and supporting actors in "Tabu," the romantic drama of the South Seas at the Central Theatre to-day.

This picture is the result of 14 months work in the islands of the Society group, in the South Pacific, 300 miles from Tahiti. Most of the film was taken on Bora-Bora, a small but beautiful mountain isle which rises gracefully from the azure bosom of the broad Pacific.

The natives of these islands are of the Polynesian race—fair-skinned, black-haired, people who are akin to the Hawaiians.

Two of them, Matahi and Reri, a handsome youth and a beautiful maiden, were selected as the hero and heroine of the production. When one considers that they knew nothing of the art of acting before F. W. Murnau, the film's director, discovered them, it is marvellous to perceive the heights of skill to which they ascend in this amazing picture of a virtual "paradise lost and a paradise found."

"DAWN PATROL"

"The Dawn Patrol," the first National Vitaphone production starring Richard Barthelmess now playing at the Queen's Theatre, is based on an actual incident in the experience of Howard Hawks, director, who began his air career

in 1917 at the outbreak of America's entrance into the War. This idea was turned over to John Monk Saunders, author of "Wings," "Legion of the Condemned" and other stories, and was thus developed into what is being hailed as the most dramatic story in Barthelmess's career.

"MONKEY BUSINESS."

While audiences sit spell-bound at the feats Harpo Marx can do with the harp which gave him his professional name, orthodox musicians gnash their teeth, groan and tear their hair.

The red-haired comic admitted as much himself as he finished filming "Monkey Business," the Four Marx Brothers' current Paramount starring picture, which comes to the King's Theatre to-morrow.

Harpo learned to play on a harp which was handed down to him by his grandmother.

He does everything wrong, even to the extent of tuning the instrument so that no other person on earth can play it.

Harpo again plays the harp in "Monkey Business." Chico plays the piano, and Groucho and Zeppo more than do their bit by playing up to every pretty girl they meet in the action of the picture.

"THE MAN IN POSSESSION."

Robert Montgomery began his famous role in "The Big House" by going into prison. He reverses the order in his new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture, "The Man in Possession," which comes to the Queen's Theatre on Friday. For in this picture Montgomery emerges from jail in the opening scene.

Charlotte Greenwood has a featured supporting role as a Cockney maid who gets into all sorts of difficulties with the butler.

Irene Purcell, who recently scored opposite William Haines in "Just a Gigolo," is Montgomery's leading woman and the cast also includes C. Aubrey Smith, Beryl Mercer, Reginald Owen, and Alan Mowbray.

LIVING FOSSIL CAUGHT.

New Exhibit for Durban
Museum.

One of the rarest shells known to science was brought up by the research ship Africana, 18 miles off Durban.

There are specimens of the shell in one or two American museums and there is one in the British Museum. It is the shell of a mollusc of a species which flourished at the very dawn of life on the earth—in the Cambrian Age.

Then there were 700 members of the family, but only five have survived. They are truly "living fossils." They are found in the deep sea-bed, and are so rare that most museums have plaster casts of the few already found.

The Africana was trawling in 1,200 feet off the Bluff, when the shell, which is about 4½ inches high, was brought up in the net with many others. The scientist aboard immediately recognized it as something out of the ordinary and handed it to a well-known Durban malacologist, who has now identified it.

The specimen has been photographed, and will possibly be sent to the British Museum for comparative purposes, and will then be returned to the Durban Museum. It has a simple little name—Pleurotomaridae Trochoidae.

RADIO

TO-DAYS PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres:
5-8 p.m.—European Programme.
5-5.18 p.m.—

Melodious Memories
(arr. by Herman Finck)
Played by Herman Finck & His Orchestra (DX197-8).
5.18-5.36 p.m.—Organ Solos.

Engelhardt—Medley,
Reginald Fort (DX268).
Scott—Medley,
Quentin M. Maclean (DX260).
5.36-6.06 p.m.—Variety.

Humorous Song—
The Willows.
In the Morning,
Norman Long (DB570).

Old Time Comedians,
Frank Wood (DB281).
Band—
Rag Doll,
Laughing Marionette,
Debroy Somers' Band (5038).

Scott Song—
The Widdie o' Mary Maclean,
The Spirit of a Man from Aberdeen,
Will Fyfe (DX275).

6.06-6.36 p.m.—Children's Concert from the Studio.
6.36-7 p.m.—Orchestral.
Summer Night on the River (Debussy),
Sir Thomas Beecham & the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra (D1638).

Masiniello—Overture (Auber),
Milan Symphony Orchestra (DX187).
Voices of Spring (J. Strauss),
Felix Weingartner conducting the British Symphony Orchestra (DX266).

7.05-8 p.m.—A Concert.
Piano Solo—
Polonaise in E Flat (Chopin),
Jose Echaniz (D1648).

Song—
Ellen Alannah
(Marble & Thomas),
My Ain Folk (Mills & Lemon),
Dance Clara Butt (Contralto) (X341).

Instrumental Trio—
Trio in "C" (Beethoven),
A Bright Morning on the Alps (Holst) Anonymous (2346R).

Chorus—
(a) Where the Bee Sucks
(Shakespeare & Arnel),
(b) Come Let Us Join the Roundelay (Beak),
It was a Lover and His Lass
(Shakespeare & Morley),
The B.B.C. Wireless Singers (DB564).

Violin Solo—
Tijuan (Milhaud),
Bourree in B Minor (Bach),
Joseph Szegall (D1633).

Song—
Tom Bowling (Dibdin),
The Bay of Biscay
(Cherry & Davy),
William Heseltine (Tenor) (DX70).

Harpichord Solo—
Toccata (Scriabin),
Pastorale Variations with Cadenza (Mozart),
Madame Regina Paterni Casadecus (DX53).

8 p.m.—Local Time.
8.03-11.30 p.m.—Relay from the
Ko Shing Theatre.

11.30 p.m.—Close Down.
All records in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by the Anderson Music Co.

IN THE LABORATORY.

The Atlantic is more salt than the North Sea.

The Serpentine is as free from pollution as ever.

These items of information are from the report on the work of the Government laboratory for the year ending March last, issued by the Government chemist, Sir Robert says that, besides examining hundreds of thousands of samples of food, the department had to determine—

Whether certain water was suitable for use as pit-head baths;

If gum on stamps was free from deleterious substances; and

Whether some soot affected the mouth and throat of the man who cleaned the flues.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED
IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant, Dinner Dances at Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels.

To-day—Young Folks Carnival Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 7 p.m.-10.30 p.m.

To-morrow—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels.

Thursday—Carnival Dinner Dances at Hong Kong, Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels.
January 6—St. George's Society's Dance, Peninsula Hotel.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre:
"Grumpy."

To-day—Queen's Theatre:
"Dawn Patrol."

To-day—Central Theatre:
"Tabu."

To-day—Majestic Theatre:
"Derelict."

To-day—Star Theatre:
"High Society Blues."

Home Malls.

To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Zuiderkerk).
Friday—Outward for Europe via Siberia (Empress of Japan), noon.

Meeting.

To-morrow—Sandakan Light and Power Co. (1922) Ltd., noon.

Lammerts' Auction.

To-morrow—At Sales Room, household furniture, 2.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

January 2—St. Stephen's College new school year begins.

January 12-14—Royal Sanitary Institute (Hong Kong Centre) examinations in Sanitary Science, and for Sanitary Inspectors.

POLICE RESERVE.

Orders for the Current
Week.

Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Inspector-General of Police, are as under:—

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Training Course—Part II.—All recruits will attend at the Chinese Company's Headquarters, to-day at 5.30 p.m. for instruction.

Training Course—Part I.—There will be no Part I of Training Course on Thursday.

N.C.O.'s Class.—There will be no N.C.O.'s class on Friday.

Indian Company.

Training Course—Part II.—There will be no Part II of Training Course on Thursday.

Sharpshooters Company.

Strength.—The following members have been taken on the strength of the Sharpshooters Company as from December 26:—

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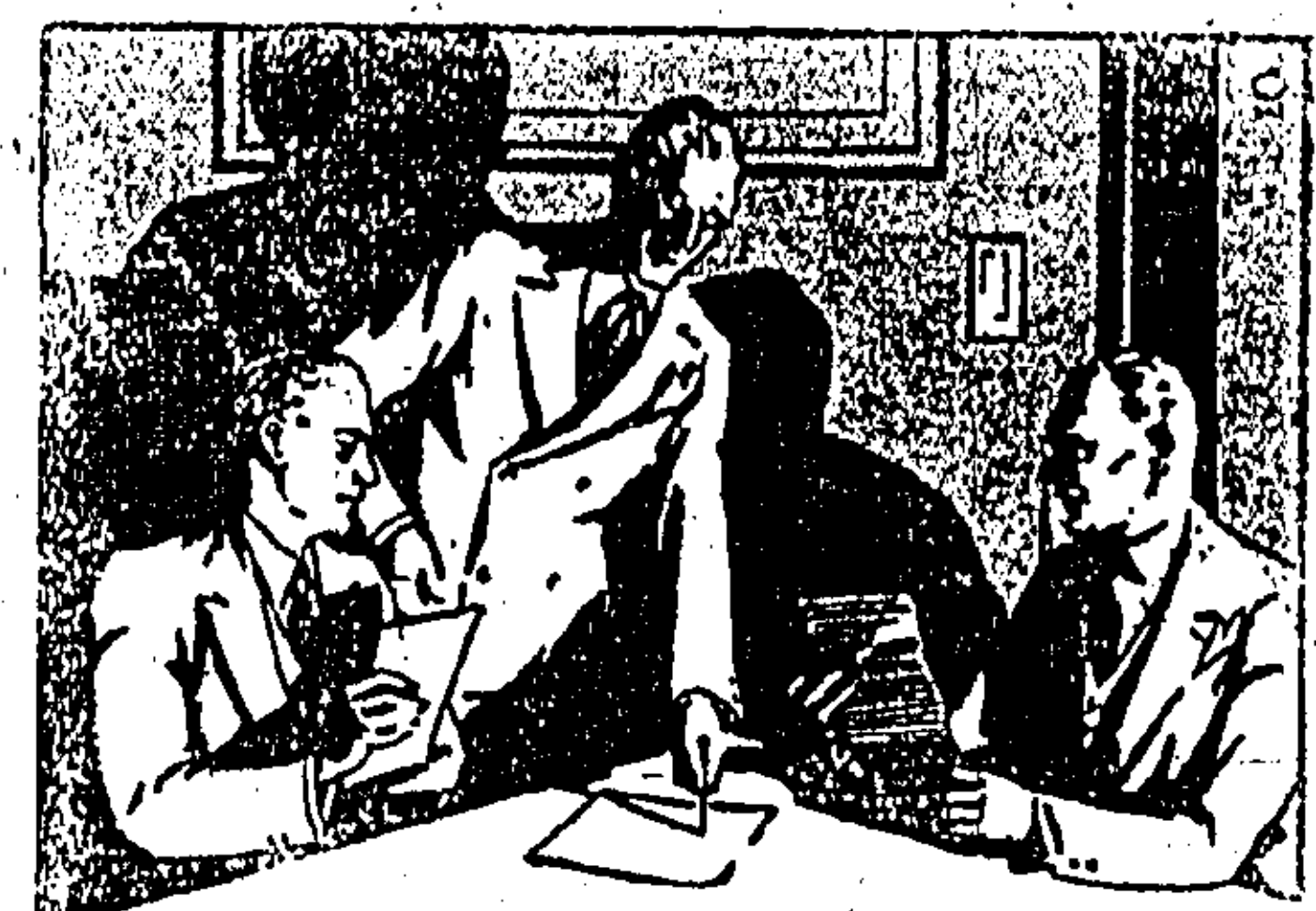
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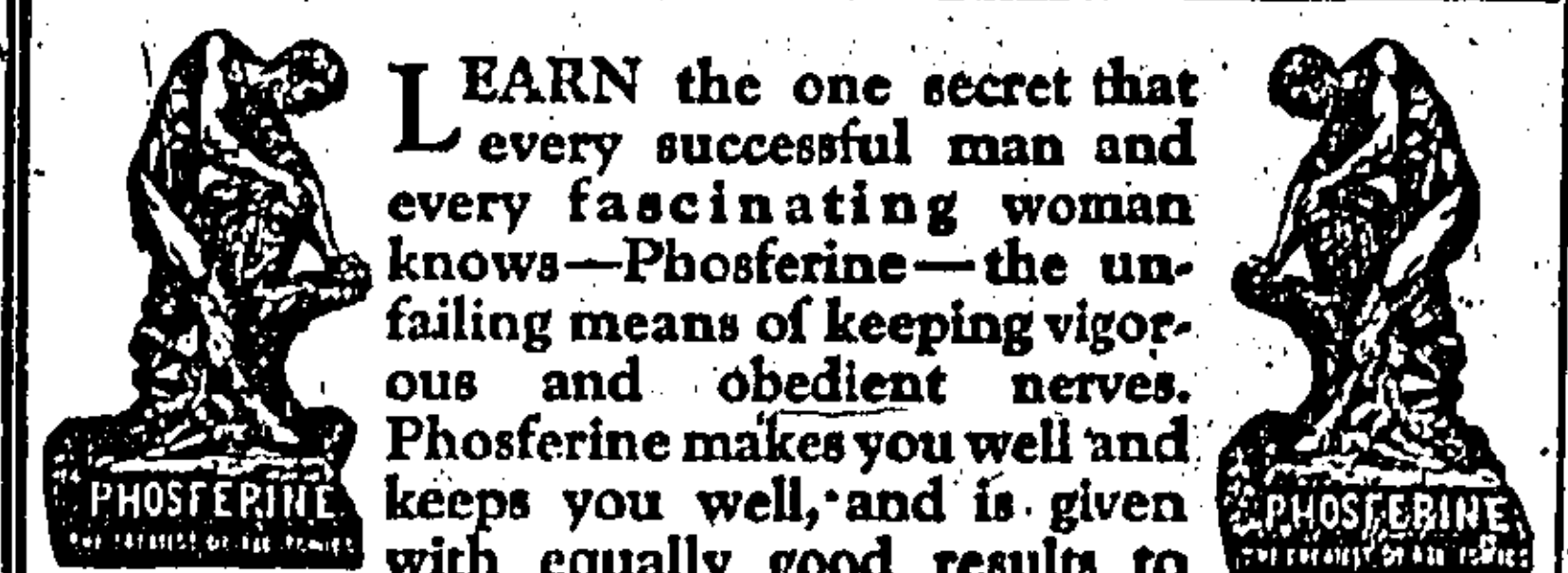
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By winning on a technical knock out in the fifteenth round in his championship fight with Young Stribling, Max Schmeling retained the heavy-weight championship of the world at the Cleveland Stadium on July 3.

His victory was decisive and took the boxing enthusiasts by surprise for the "Pride of Georgia" was expected to win comfortably. His victory was therefore a triumph over both his rival and over the critics.

The King's Theatre have very thoughtfully provided for boxing enthusiasts in their programme commencing to-morrow by securing the production of the fight. The Madison Square Garden Corporation omitted one essential factor in the production and that was the neglect of sound. All sporting events are patronised by the "quacks," whose comments often cause uproarious laughter. In the film one sees them gesticulating and wonders what one has lost by not actually hearing their remarks.

Judging the fight fairly one becomes bored with the monotonous clinching which is a feature throughout. The film is a trifle fast and one cannot appreciate what is happening in these clinches and the interest is consequently allowed to slacken. The cameraman gives one a refreshing moment of slow motion shots—the incident when Stribling goes down in the fifteenth round for a count of nine. This is admirably performed and will be fully appreciated. No one need fear that they have to sit through fifteen rounds—they don't. Only six rounds are shown—the first; the third; the fifth; the tenth; the eleventh; and the fifteenth; and one feels that the corporation has acted wisely by refraining from taking the whole fight.

The young German has vastly improved since he won the title from Jack Sharkey a year ago. Although he was often slow to seize advantages, he fought a well-planned fight against one of the cleverest of American heavy-weights, showing that he was able to take plenty of hard blows and emerge smiling and not seriously damaged after 15 rounds. Stribling's speed and superior boxing skill enabled him to outbox his more powerful opponent in the first four rounds, but then he steadily weakened under the German's dogged pounding. From the tenth round onwards it was little better than a massacre in which the American's gameness was unavailing.

After the deduction of Government tax the receipts amounted to \$64,742. The official attendance was 30,930. Schmeling's share of the gate amounted to approximately \$21,227 to Stribling's \$9,683.

YAUMATI SCHOOL ATHLETICS.

Mrs. J. Ralston Presents
the Trophies.

The annual sports meeting of the Yaumati School was held yesterday and produced some fine running by the youngsters. At the conclusion of the meeting Mrs. J. Ralston presented the trophies to the successful athletes.

The results were as follows:—
100 Yards (Senior):—1, Chan Tak-fai; 2, Tam Kan-woo; 3, Chan Chun-choi.

100 Yards (Junior):—1, Fong Kuk-wing; 2, Cheung Chau-ming; 3, Chan Yin-wan.

100 Yards (Small Boys):—1, Chan New-man; 2, Li Shui-pang; 3, Pun Sai-fong.

High Jump (Senior):—1, Tam Kan-woo; 2, Li Shui-ming; 3, Yeung Po-kul.

High Jump (Junior):—1, Chan Yin-wan and Tang Yu-wah; 3, Cheung Chau-ming.

Flag Race (Small Boys):—1, Chan New-man; 2, Yau Sai-kau; 3, Li Shui-pang.

Long Jump (Senior):—1, Tam

ASTON VILLA PICK UP TWO POINTS.

Wolves Gain Home Win
Over Charlton.

FULHAM LOSE AT HOME.

—London, Yesterday—

The following were the results of League football matches played to-day as cabled by Reuter:—

First Division.

Aston Villa 3 Newcastle U. 0

Second Division.

Wolves 3 Charlton A. 1

Third Division (South).

Fulham 1 Queen's Park 3

Northampton 6 Bristol R. 0

HOCKEY CLUB TEAM FOR TO-MORROW.

Against Borderers.

In their match against the South Wales Borderers on the U.S.R.C. ground to-morrow, at 5 p.m., the Hong Kong Hockey Club first eleven will be represented by G. Duncan; W. Woodward, J. Rodger; W. A. Reed, A. A. Dand, E. V. Reed; H. Owen Hughes, G. E. R. Divett, C. C. Francis, D. B. Evans and J. L. Tetley.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL

CRICKET—To-day—Army v. Navy at H.K.C.C. (Last Day).
Friday—University Past v. Present; H.K.C.C. v. Navy.

Saturday—University v. Royal Artillery (L); H.K.C.C. v. Navy; K.C.C. v. Army; Second Division—C.C.C. v. Police (L); Borderers v. University.

Sunday—K.C.C. v. Army (2nd Day).

HOCKEY—To-morrow—Hong Kong Club v. Borderers on U.S.R.C. ground at 5 p.m.

Thursday—University v. Radio Sports at 5 p.m.; St. Andrew's v. Y.M.C.A.

HUNTING—To-morrow—Fanning Hunt Hounds Meet (Hunters' Arms) at 3.15 p.m.

FOOTBALL—Friday—Services v. Civilians on Club ground at 3.30 p.m.

Saturday—Chinese League—Yee Woo v. Sung Ching; Eastern v. South China "B"; Chinese Athletic "A" v. Chinese Athletic "B".

GOLF—Friday to Sunday—R.H.K.C. New Year Meet.

Sunday—Completion of First Round of Captain's Cup at Fanning; Entries close for the Junior Championship.

ATHLETICS—Friday—Kowloon C.C. Children's Sports.

STEEPLECHASING—Friday and Sunday—Fanning Hunt and Race Club at Kwai.

Kan-woo; 2, Chan Tak-fai; 3, Li Sul-luen.

Long Jump (Junior):—1, Chan Lu-chuen; 2, Cheung Chau-ming; 3, Tang Yu-wah.

Egg and Spoon Race (Small Boys):—1, Yau Sai-kau; 2, Chan Kai-kit; 3, Tam Sik-pui.

Three Legged Race:—1, Ko Siu-hong and Lung Chi-lap; 2, Tsai Ming-chen and Ip Hon-chuen; 3, Chan Yin-wan and Chan New-man.

300 Yards (Senior):—1, Chan Tak-fai; 2, Tam Kan-woo; 3, Chan Cheung-choi.

300 Yards (Junior):—1, Fong Kuk-wing; 2, Chan Yin-wan; 3, Cheung Chau-ming.

300 Yards (Small Boys):—1, Chan New-man; 2, Li Sul-pang; 3, Wong Kok-wai.

Sack Race:—1, Chan Cheung-ming; 2, Young Po-kul; 3, Ngai Chan-tin.

Half Mile:—1, Yeung Po-kul; 2, Kwok Chi-sheung; 3, Ko Sul-fung.

Consolation Race:—1, Chui Kwok-cheong; 2, Sung Wai-kuen; 3, Yan Ka-pok.

400 Yards (Past Pupils):—1, Leung Yu-wah; 2, Lam Ho-kwan; 3, Tse Chi-kau.

Class Team Race (Senior):—Class 4.

Class Team Race (Junior):—Class 7A.

Tug-of-War:—Class 4 and 7.

NAVY BOWLING DISAPPOINTS.

Army Run Up Huge
Total at H.K.C.C.

CAPT. MOIR 150.

The Army, taking first use of the wicket in their triangular tournament game against the Royal Navy yesterday at the H.K.C.C., were in a very satisfactory position at the close of play when the Navy with six wickets in hand required 397 runs for victory.

The main features in the huge Army total of 498 for 8 wickets were the third wicket partnership between Wales and Hamilton which produced 71 runs; the partnership of 181 for the fourth wicket by Hamilton and Moir; 109 runs put on for the fifth wicket by Moir and Marfalar; the seventh wicket partnership between Bryant and Williams which realized 102 runs; and the wicket-keeping of Shaw, who did not allow a single extra in the innings.

Scores:—
Army.
G. Wolf-Barry (R.A.), b Wroughton 5
Capt. O. Wales (S.W.B.), c Haslefoot, b Stilleman 52
A. H. Musson (R.A.), b Wroughton 0
A. C. Hamilton (S.W.B.), b Mundy 114
Capt. R. G. Moir (A. & S.H.), c Mundy, b Villiers 150
J. K. MacFarlan (R.A.), st Shaw, b Wroughton 37
Bomb. Bryant (R.A.), not out 77
Sigs. Williams (R.C.S.), st Shaw, b Berryman 46
Capt. Gottwaltz (S.W.B.), st Shaw, b Wroughton 2
C. Anstruther (R.E.), not out 15
Extra 0

Total (for 8 wks.) ... 498
Capt. G. E. Mirehouse (Gloster) did not bat.

Fall of wickets:—1 for 5; 2 for 5; 3 for 76; 4 for 247; 5 for 356; 6 for 359; 7 for 461; 8 for 475.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
O. M. R. W.
Lt.-Comdr. Mason 7 0 40 0
Lt. Wroughton 19 1 125 4
Lt. Whinney 8 0 52 0
Lt. Stilleman 6 0 47 1
Lt.-Comdr. Mundy 11 0 52 1
Lt. Villiers 8 0 52 1
Lt. Haslefoot 1 0 16 0
Capt. Burnett 3 0 41 0
Lt. Webb 4 0 29 0
Comdr. Berryman 3 0 23 0

Navy.
Capt. Burnett, st. Bussion, b Mirehouse 1
Lt.-Comdr. R. J. Shaw, c Wales, b Mirehouse 26
Mid. Webb, b Hamilton 18
Lt. Villiers, not out 18
Comdr. Berryman, c Moir, b Mirehouse 33
Lt.-Comdr. Mundy, not out 0
Extras (B5, NB1) 6

Total (for 4 wks.) ... 102
Fall of wickets:—1 for 6; 2 for 39; 3 for 54; 4 for 101.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
O. M. R. W.
Sigs. Williams 7.3 1 24 0
Capt. Mirehouse 9 0 33 3
A. C. Hamilton 5 1 12 1
A. H. Musson 3 0 9 0
Bomb. Bryant 2 0 13 0
C. Anstruther 2 0 6 0
* Bowled 1 no ball.

ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

Christmas Meeting.

On the Old Course D. S. Robb (10) 8 up won the Bogey Pool, while Col. R. B. Skinner (9) 2 up was second. Other scores included Paym. Lieut. W. R. Vallance (10), Lt.-Comdr. W. E. Higham (14), and A. E. Lissaman (6)—all of whom were one down. There were 83 entries.

Paym. Lieut. W. R. Vallance 84—10=74 won the Old Course Medal. Other scores included A. C. I. Bowler 85—8=77; and T. Low 95—14=79. There were 16 entries.

T. Megarry (18) 1 up won the New Course Bogey Pool and first part of A. B. Stewart Cup. Other scores included Comdr. O. E. Priestley (11), and Comdr. R. H. McEgan (8)—both were two down. There were 16 entries.

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WHEN A FOOTBALLER GROWS OLD—

BY DAVID JACK,

the Brilliant Arsenal and England Forward.

A goal-scoring machine from the juvenile football ranks has recently signed the appropriate form on behalf of a famous English League Club. It is not, of course, a very serious step. It nevertheless, is a lad's first introduction to senior football, one that must of necessity turn his attention to the possibilities of a game that has hitherto served him merely as a sporting-canter.

There are probably two or three such youngsters attached by amateur forms to most of the leading League clubs. These facts are not broad-cast; modern managers cannot afford to miss any budding talent. These amateurs' registrations are binding only for a season. In striking contrast the professional registration ties down the player as long as his legs last! But a professional form may not be signed until a boy reaches his seventeenth birthday.

It is remarkable how few of the juvenile prodigies fulfil the football promise of their schooldays. The security of recruits of the requisite standard for the first-class professional ranks can be traced to this inexplicable failure of the outstanding juvenile to maintain improvement and development.

Some Have Courage.

Some youngsters turn their backs to temptation and throw up the game through the preferable calls of some other employment. In this connection the unselfish action of certain club pilots is to be commended. I know quite a number who hesitate to engage a boy who has fair prospects of a career in a less precarious sphere.

Football is all right for the man whose wages may be little more than sufficient to meet the cost of living, with small hope of a margin. The player who has the ability to rank as first-class can look forward, with average luck, to 12 or possibly 15 years' regular employment. He ought to be able during that time to lay aside a useful nest-egg for the future. There also is time and often opportunity during his football life to educate or even establish himself in some other kind of business.

We occasionally see this forecast exorcised, but not by a very large percentage; so it is that the majority of footballers find themselves more or less stranded when they reach the veteran stage.

Long Way Ahead.

It may be said that they entered the game with their eyes open, well knowing what was ahead of them, but it has to be remembered that youngsters of 17 or 18 are not usual-

ly blessed with the common sense or experience of their elders, and certainly do not appreciate all they may be sacrificing when they take up football for a living. Once the step is taken and things are running smoothly and satisfactorily the day of retirement appears a great distance away.

The thought has often occurred to me—and I suppose it must have puzzled many of the multitude of football enthusiasts, as well—as to what becomes of the professionals when their playing days are over. We occasionally come across some of them in our travels—some prosperous and contented, others in work and without a grumble, and a few who are in a desperate enough plight to sink their pride and request that we make a collection to help them over the side for a time. *Goodness knows how many there are who cannot sink their pride!*

A Suggestion.

I have come in contact with a number of old professionals whose plight is really serious. In many of the cases they have not been in the least blameworthy. For years they loyally served their clubs, writes David Jack in the Evening Standard. The latter fulfilled their side of the contract conscientiously and as handsomely as their circumstances permitted. They are not philanthropic institutions, neither are they in a position to offer employment to all their old servants, but they have a vast following that might be able to do something in this connection.

I am prompted to this by a casual—but to my mind, thoughtful—remark passed in my hearing the other day by an ardent supporter of a prominent London club. His idea, which I adopt as a commendable and feasible suggestion, is that it should be possible for every first-class club to form a select committee of business men who would be willing to review the case of any long-service professional at the close of his career with the object of assisting him, by their advice and influence, to obtain work to do.

Magnificent Lever.

Connected with, or interested in, every club there are plenty of men who, if approached, would not be averse from associating themselves with cases meriting consideration. The manager who would be in a position to consult such a "committee" would have a magnificent lever to apply in his negotiations with a player, who in turn would be settled and contented in the knowledge that loyalty and good service would relieve him of his greatest worry. From every point of view there ap-

NEW NAME FOUND FOR LINDRUM.

An Appreciation of the Pavlova of the Cue.

Walter Lindrum, the Pavlova of the "Cue," is undoubtedly the greatest exponent of the art of billiards, writes the correspondent of a London paper. And to his matchless skill and finesse he adds a personal charm which has earned for him a niche in the affections of his countless admirers. His boyish smiling face, free from the wrinkles of studied care, disarms suspicion. He is the "professor" of the billiard room—but without his lectures show no sign of the specialist's erudition. On the contrary they display the charm of the open game.

The first time I saw Lindrum was in 1929 at Farringdon Hall, London, when he was pitted against one who in my opinion is "par excellence," the best English player—Willie Smith. The amazing succession of nursery cannons, relieved, with the artist's sense of balance, by the more pleasing game of winning and losing hazards kept the audience spell-bound and at the same time showed how easy it was to score, when hand, eye and brain acted in unison.

And then on a memorable night during the same match, Lindrum carved for himself a place amongst the immortals of sport when he smashed all records by scoring an unblemished 3,292. No greater tribute could have been paid him than the spontaneous gesture of his opponent, who, when the referee called "time" (indicating the end of the session) personally intervened with the request that Lindrum be allowed to carry on his break uninterrupted.

Wonderful Effect.

However monumental Lindrum's breaks may be, their effect on the spectator is really wonderful. One might imagine that an apparently endless run of cannons or hazards would be a strain on the interest of the spectators—but nothing could be farther from truth. Lindrum's "infinite variety" is the secret of his success. He carries his audience with him—at one time taking them half way round the table with his priceless cannons, at another time focussing their attention on the top of the table—never lingering too long on each phase.

To sum up Walter Lindrum has so perfected the fine art of billiards that it is difficult to imagine that his prowess will ever be dwarfed by any of his successors. He has climbed to the top of the ladder of fame and there he will remain—the cynosure of all eyes.

seems to be a deal of justification and a sense of sympathy and wisdom in the idea.

As an alternative, it should be possible for a club to broadcast the fact that "our player A. B. contemplates retirement from football at the end of the season," giving particulars of his qualifications and inviting anybody interested to get in touch with the club. By this means the number of players who become "burdens" might be considerably reduced. It is a fact that many clubs hesitate to "sack" a loyal servant, although they are often forced to do so in the end.

ARGYLL'S FORWARDS IN FORM.

Hockey Club Seconds Well Beaten.

HOLD OUT UNTIL INTERVAL.

Clever forward passing, gained for the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders at King's Park yesterday afternoon, victory by four clear goals, over the Hong Kong Hockey Club, who fielded only ten men throughout.

In the first half, the Argylls were early pressing, but Moses cleared well. Several raids by the Club, saw Fincher just miss with a "first-timer" as the result of a corner.

The soldiers drew first blood through Sergeant Mallach, and they maintained the lead to the interval. In the second half, the Argylls dominated play, and were continually pressing. The Club forwards seemed to be unable to get going, and were constantly held at bay by the Argylls' steady defence. The soldiers' lead was increased by Corporal Lamont and Corporal Stewart. Toward the termination, in falling light, Cpl. Stewart added a fourth goal. Mr. J. T. K. Gilchrist had charge of the game.

Result:
H.K. Club 0
Argylls 4
Club II.—E. S. Moses; L. A. R. Duncan, L. F. Nicholson; A. E. P. Guest, E. G. Dale, E. MacNider; L. D. Kilbee, D. B. Evans, E. C. Fincher and R. W. Sapsed.

THE DIPHTHERIA EPIDEMIC.

(Continued from Page 1.)

ling to hospital could be left to the discretion of the medical man in attendance in each individual case.

Essential Precautions.

Diphtheria, Dr. Pope said, was not so dangerous to other inmates, if proper precautions were taken by everyone in a household in which a case occurred. The principal thing was to isolate the patient immediately. All utensils, such as spoons, cups, etc., used by a patient should be kept constantly in the sick room and never taken out of it. The utensils should be washed and wiped in the sick room, and if the person handling them took the precaution of disinfecting the hands, before leaving the room there would be no danger of infection to other members of the household. The same precaution of disinfecting the hands applies to the person tending the patient.

Official Statement.

As stated in yesterday's report of the China Mail's interview with Dr. G. W. Pope, M.O.H., he had certain suspicions as to the source of the present diphtheria epidemic, but at the time of the interview (at noon) he preferred not to make a statement on the matter until he had had time to go more fully into it.

Yesterday afternoon, the M.O.H. issued the following statement to the Press:—"I consider the diphtheria epidemic as being very serious."

SCOTTISH CLUBS IN TROUBLE.

Serious Situations to Be Faced.

POOR GATE ATTENDANCES.

The announcement that the Clyde F.C. are likely to drop out of the Scottish League at the end of the season has been followed by statements about the serious plight of several of the Scottish clubs.

It has been known for some time that some of the Scottish First Division clubs are unable to make ends meet, and for this various reasons are advanced, unemployment being the main trouble. Hamilton Academicals drew £70 at their home game with Aberdeen on November 7, and the following Saturday, when they were at home to Dundee United, the gate receipts amounted to no more than £35. Leith Athletic took only £40 at their last home match, and Motherwell, the present leaders of the League, fail to draw £200 in many of their games.

KOWLOON GOLF BOGEY POOL.

Win for H. T. Buxton.

In the Christmas 'Bogey' Pool played over the Kowloon Course during the holidays H. T. Buxton 1 down was successful. There were 32 entries.

BRITAIN EXPECTED TO WIN DAVIS CUP.

Two Most Formidable Singles Players.

AMERICANS TOO SLOW.

According to Mr. Samuel Hardy, the captain of this year's unsuccessful American Davis Cup team, Great Britain is expected to carry off the trophy next year.

Writing in "Tennis," the official organ of the United States L.T.A., Mr. Hardy says that in H. W. Austin and F. J. Parry Great Britain possess two of the most formidable singles contenders in the world under playing conditions on the Continent.

He believes that with these two, and I. G. Collins and Dr. J. C. Gregory playing in the doubles, Great Britain's chance of defeating France and America is an excellent one.

Mr. Hardy thinks that Ellesworth Vines, the young Californian and American national champion, will be at a disadvantage on European court because of their comparative slowness.—Central News.

BORDERERS BEAT CORNWALL.

Clean Sweep in First Round Billiards.

The last match in the first round of the Services billiards tournament for the Ng Sze-kwong Challenge Cup was played at the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home last night, when the South Wales Borderers met and defeated a team from H.M.S. Cornwall by five games to nil.

Scores:
South Wales Borderers.
C. S. M. Lewis 150
L. Cpl. Ellis 150
C. Sgt. Jarman 150
Private Walkers 150
C. S. M. Smith 150
H.M.S. Cornwall.
L/Stoker Deal 133
Cpl. Spencer 118
Stoker Smith 72
L/Stoker Hasley 71
Marine Gale 121

The first match in the second round will be played on Friday evening next, January 1, when the 31st Heavy Battery, Royal Artillery, meet H.M.S. Bruce. Play will commence at 7 p.m. sharp.

high figure was six reported on Christmas Eve. Since that day the number of cases reported have been: December 25, 4 cases; December 26, 3 cases; December 27, 2 cases; and yesterday 24 cases. The majority of cases have been adults. So far, children have been seldom affected.

Christmas Treats Cancelled.

The arrangements for the Kowloon Union Church Sunday School Christmas Treat, which was to have been held to-morrow, have been cancelled until further notice.

It is understood also that the annual Christmas Tree Party at the Police Recreation Club on January 1 will be postponed.

The New Year Ball in the Peak Club on Thursday has been cancelled.

Interesting Figures.

How abnormal is the number of non-Chinese cases of diphtheria in the Colony since Christmas Eve until yesterday in demonstrated by the fact that from January 1 to December 19, the date on which the last weekly return of notifiable diseases was published in the China Mail, only 30 non-Chinese cases had occurred. This number was nearly reached in the five days from December 24, when no fewer than 28 cases occurred. These were the only cases recorded for the period under review, so that the Chinese had a clean sheet for the five days in question.

The following diphtheria figures for the month of December, taken from returns published in the China Mail, are of interest:—Week ended December 5, 10 cases, one death, all Chinese.

Number of non-Chinese cases since January 1, 30.

Week ended December 12, 8 cases, 2 deaths, all Chinese.

Number of non-Chinese cases since January 1, 30.

Week ended December 19, 8 cases, no death, all Chinese.

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The total number of cases from January 1 to December 19 was 144, and 50 deaths occurred.

Nature of Disease.

Diphtheria (a skin or membrane) the "terti" applied to an acute infectious disease, which is accompanied by a membranous exudation on a mucous surface, generally on the tonsils and back of the throat or pharynx.

In general the symptoms at the commencement of an attack of diphtheria are comparatively slight, being those commonly accompanying a cold, viz., chilliness and depression. Sometimes more severe phenomena usher in the attack, such as vomiting and diarrhoea. A slight feeling of uneasiness in the throat is experienced along with some stiffness of the back of the neck. When looked at the throat appears reddened and somewhat swollen particularly in the neighbourhood of the tonsils, the soft palate and upper part of the pharynx, while along with this there is tenderness and swelling of the glands at the angles of the jaw. The affection of the throat spreads rapidly, and soon the characteristic exudation appears on the inflamed surface in the form of greyish-white specks or patches, increasing in extent and thick-

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The China Mail

Hong Kong, Tuesday, Dec. 29, 1931.

'Epidemics' & Rumours!

During a crisis or an epidemic the chief industry in the Colony appears to be the manufacture and dissemination of rumours. The present outbreak of diphtheria is no exception. Enough rumours have been broadcast during the last couple of days to fill a policeman's notebook. Unfortunately the originator of each rumour can never be traced. It would go hard with him or her if it could. The Medical Officer of Health (Dr. G. W. Pope) is to be warmly commended for the frankness and candour of his statements regarding the epidemic to the Press. He is keenly alive, if the epidemic is to be kept under control, to the value of the utmost publicity of all the relevant factors, whilst careful to offer opinions and theories as such and nothing more. Likewise does he throw cold water on the all too busy rumourmongers. The community is under a debt of gratitude to the Medical Officer of Health which, it is hoped, will find an echo through unofficial channels once the epidemic is a thing of the past.

Most Pressmen have had at one time or another, elsewhere if not here, unhappy experiences of the unhelpful attitude adopted by Government medical officers at the beginning of or during an epidemic. They have been adamant in their injunction not to print this or don't mention that—all under the plea that a panic must be averted. They little recked, these officers dressed in a very brief authority that all the conditions making for a panic were already in being and fanned by the idle tongues of gossip and rumour. Had these gentlemen of other days in other places taken the public through the Press, into their confidence, they assuredly would have found their own invariable task of coping with an epidemic very considerably lightened. Nothing is more calculated to increase public suspicion than extreme reticence on the part of responsible officials, particularly when the air is as full of base-

less rumours as of noxious germs.

We repeat, therefore, that in the case of the present epidemic of diphtheria, we are fortunate in having a Medical Officer of Health who is anxious to restore public serenity as speedily as possible through the channels of the Press. There can be no doubt that through his statements to a China Mail representative, published in yesterday's and to-day's issues, he has achieved not a little toward confounding mischievous rumour and toward reassuring the community that the Medical and Sanitary Department, in conjunction with private practitioners, are exerting themselves to the utmost to keep the epidemic well in hand. There is certainly to-day less of an alarmist tone amongst the public than there was on Sunday or yesterday.

As to the epidemic, its origin, treatment, and so forth, it is not our province to encroach on the hallowed ground of the medical fraternity. All we can do is to republish some encyclopaedic information, in addition to the local official statements, leaving it to the good sense of our readers not to be led astray by mischievous gossip and rumour for which, as a moment's reflection would show, there is not a particle of foundation.

From Other Pens.

Music for the Guards.

I have heard all sorts of music—good, bad and indifferent, but mostly indifferent—played at the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace. Queen Victoria, it is authoritatively claimed, once heard from her window a tune which caught her fancy as an accompaniment to the ceremony, and on asking its name was informed that it was called "Come where the booze is cheaper."

But one rarely hears music composed expressly for the occasion. The Brigade of Guards has officially accepted a marching song, "The Changing of the Guard," which is now being played by the Guards bands. The words and music are by those popular entertainers "Mr. Flotsam" and "Mr. Jetsam." One of these is Mr. Malcolm MacEchern, an Australian with a mighty bass voice, who has sung in opera and oratorio, and the other is Mr. B. C. Hilliam—Evening Standard.

How to Greet Lions.

It is wonderful how they spoil the tourist in these days (writes Peter Simple in the Morning Post). The latest effort in this direction is a pamphlet issued to tourists in the Kruger National Park, on the correct way to behave with lions. "Don't get alarmed," runs one helpful hint, "if lions stand and stare at your car. They have probably never seen a car before, and are naturally overwhelmed with astonishment."

The writer of the pamphlet is to be congratulated on his tact. It would not do to suggest that a lion might be overwhelmed with astonishment at the sight of some of the tourists. Rubber Tyres—3000 B.C. It has often said that there is nothing new under the sun, but most of us would be surprised to hear that rubber tyres were used some five thousand years ago in the place which is now Bagdad. A correspondent of the Statesman thinks it probable that Babylonians knew rubber tyres, because it has just been definitely established that they were used in Egypt in or about 3,000 B.C. and the Babylonians were not slow in adopting to their own requirements the inventions of their Egyptian neighbours. The Egyptians' chariots were equipped with two-inch solid tyres. Some have been excavated which still are in a fair state of preservation. The Egyptian formula for treating the rubber is not known—Strait Times.

News in Brief.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 63 degrees. The humidity at 10 a.m. and at 4 p.m. was 80.

His Excellency the Governor has very kindly consented to preside at the King's College prize distribution, which has been arranged for 11 a.m. on March 5, that being the anniversary of the official opening of the College.

KAK HANG VILLAGE ROBBERY CASE.

The case in which two Chinese are charged in connection with an armed robbery at Kak Hang Village, Kowloon City, on the evening of October 16, was continued at the Assizes this morning.

Chinese Sergeant Chan Sui-ping, gave evidence of going to search the first accused's cubicle on the second floor of 76, Tainam Street, where beneath some clothing was found a pair of jade ear-drops. When Inspector Fallon saw the ear-drops he asked: "What is that?" and, before anyone could answer, the first accused said: "These are things from Kak Hang Village."

Mr. Hin-shing Lo, for the defence, pointed out that witness did not say this important thing in the course of his evidence before the Kowloon Magistrate.

Mr. Fitzroy said that it had been omitted because the Police were not sure if it was admissible, but he contended that it was and he proposed to call Inspector Fallon to corroborate.

His Lordship admitted that the evidence was admissible.

Later, Inspector Fallon went into the witness box and corroborated the evidence.

Prior to the Police evidence, several women inmates of the house spoke to, being searched by the five robbers and relieved of various articles of jewellery and small sums of money which they had on their persons.

The case was continued in the afternoon.

MR. ARTHUR HENDERSON.

Rugby, Yesterday. Mr. Arthur Henderson, who is returning to London after a stay on the French Riviera from which his health has greatly benefited, is expected to take advantage of the presence here of Sir Eric Drummond, Secretary-General to the League of Nations, to discuss the procedure of the forthcoming World Disarmament Conference over the opening session of which Mr. Henderson is due to preside on February 2. It is possible, though not probable, that Mr. Henderson may have to undergo a slight operation, but it is hoped that even in that event, he would be able to fulfil his present intention of leaving London for Geneva on January 28.—British Wireless Service.

PUREE DE POIS

By
BESOMORO.

HOTELS IN MOURNING.

Hotels in Prague have "gone into mourning" as a protest against the number of new licences granted to rival establishments by the licensing authorities. Black crepe has been hung on the walls in both hotels and restaurants to attract attention to the position. The hotels are suffering considerably from the slump in the tourist traffic, resulting from the fall in the exchange. British, American, and German visitors are especially missed.

CURE FOR BALDNESS.

Fifty completely bald men have been selected to undergo treatment which, it is expected, will prove the value of a new method of making hair grow. Preliminary experiments made by Dr. B. Norman Bengston, of Maywood, consisting of injections of pituitary gland extracts, have proved successful in several cases.

GARDENS OF PEACE AND OF FRIENDSHIP.

In order to commemorate a century of peace between Canada and the United States, we were told a few weeks ago that a Garden of Peace was to be established on the boundary between these two countries. I have since come across the following:

A "Garden of Friendship" has been started by Victor McLaglen, the film actor, on his estate in Flittridge, near Hollywood. In a rock garden, designed by his brother Arthur, Mr. McLaglen is planting trees and shrubs, each given by and named after one of his friends. At the base of each plant will be a copper plate embedded in concrete carrying the name of the donor. Mr. McLaglen has already received gifts of trees and shrubs from Mary Pickford, Douglas Fairbanks, Winifred Sheehan, Marlene Dietrich, Janet Gaynor, Elissa Landi, Lew Cody, and Carl Laemmle.

SALOME MISJUDGED.

This is the opinion expressed by Miss Joan Maude, the young actress, who recently interpreted Herod's daughter in the play from which the censor's ban was only lifted a few months ago. Miss Maude has been accused of giving a wrong interpretation of the part, critics said she was not wicked enough in the play. Miss Maude does not think that Salome was altogether bad. "She was an inexperienced young girl, but liable, through being a daughter of that perverted family, to evil impulses of the blood. It would have been easy to make Salome a common vamp—but how crude, and how untrue!"

THE DIPHTHERIA EPIDEMIC.

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ness until a yellowish-looking false membrane is formed. This deposit is firmly adherent to the mucous membrane beneath or incorporated with it, and if removed leaves a raw, bleeding ulcerated surface, upon which it is reproduced in a short period. The appearance of the exudation has been compared to wet parchment or washed leather, and it is more or less dense in texture. It may cover the whole of the back of the throat, the cavity of the mouth, and the posterior nares, and spread downwards into the air passages on the one hand and into the alimentary canal on the other, while any wound on the surface of the body is liable to become covered with it. This membrane is apt to be detached spontaneously, and as it loosens it becomes decomposed, giving a most offensive and characteristic odour to the breath. There is pain and difficulty in swallowing, but unless the disease has affected the larynx, no affection of the breathing. The voice acquires a snuffing character. When the disease invades the posterior nares an acrid, fetid discharge, and sometimes almost copious bleeding, takes place from the nostrils. Along with these local phenomena there is evidence of constitutional disturbance of the most severe character. There may be no great amount of fever, but there is marked depression and loss of strength. The pulse becomes small and frequent, the countenance pale, the swelling of the glands of the neck increases, which along with the presence of albumin in the urine, testifies to a condition of blood poisoning. Unless favourable symptoms emerge, death takes place within three or four days or sooner, either from the rapid extension of the false membrane into the air-passages, giving rise to asphyxia, or from a condition of general collapse, which is sometimes remarkably sudden. In cases of recovery the change for the better is marked by an arrest in the extension of the false membrane, the detachment and expectoration of that already formed, and the healing of the ulcerated mucous membrane beneath. Along with this there is a general improvement in the symptoms, the power of swallowing returns, and the strength gradually increases, while the glandular enlargement of the neck diminishes, and the albumin disappears from the urine. Recovery, however, is generally slow, and it is many weeks before full convalescence is established. Even, however, where diphtheria ends thus favourably,

the peculiar sequelae already mentioned are apt to follow, generally within a period of two or three weeks after all the local evidence of the disease has disappeared. These secondary affections may occur after mild as well as after severe attacks, and they are principally in the form of paralysis affecting the soft palate and pharynx, causing difficulty in swallowing with regurgitation of food through the nose, and giving a peculiar nasal character to the voice. There are, however, other forms of paralysis occurring after diphtheria especially that affecting the muscles of the eye, which produces a loss of the power of accommodation and consequent impairment of vision. There may be, besides, paralysis of both legs, and occasionally also of one side of the body (hemiplegia). These symptoms however, after continuing for a variable length of time, almost always ultimately disappear.

To-day's Thought.

You will find thousands of love songs for every song of hate; sing and you cannot keep hating.

Ten Years Ago.

(From the "China Mail" of December 29, 1921.)

To-day's dollar is worth 2 7/8%.

Civil Servant's were shocked this morning to hear of the death in the Government Civil Hospital last night of Mr. Percy Burn, assistant at the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs and formerly Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court. Mr. Burn, it is known, had complained of indisposition and had been excused duty yesterday on that account. He was taken violently ill last evening and died at the hospital at about 7 o'clock, very shortly after his admission. He is believed to have been suffering from acute malaria.

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DISCOVERING THE ART OF LIFE

SOME PEOPLE WHO REALLY KNOW TO LIVE.

By Gordon Laws.

A so-called outcast from society who has pitched his tarpaulin by the side of a road seems to have come near discovering the Art of Life. He shaves, washes, reads the papers, takes an interest in the world of men and things, does a day's work in the fields when he feels like it, and, quite entranced, enjoys himself to the full in his own peculiar way.

He has no care, and his motto is that God, if He looks after the sparrows, will look after him. Most of us would neither want nor be able to follow his example. But the fact remains that this man is definitely one of the spurs and happy band that "live." Who, among our super-civilized population of to-day, are the others who really live? And how do they manage it?

"Living," as I see it, consists in getting the most out of every hour, every minute and every second. Nothing more.

Cannot Help It.

Time is so invaluable, and so tragically short on this planet that it would seem futile to count among the chosen those who live for an hour and exist for the remaining 15 to 20 of their waking day. The people who live all the time, however, few as they may be, can be picked from all classes and creeds.

I even know a society woman who lives. She can't help it. She has that disposition which neither the monotonous round of soul-destroying convention nor the knowledge of its innuity can kill.

The psychologists seldom seem to stress the highly important truth that life, apart from those qualities of which we know nothing, is almost entirely made up of a continuous desire for satisfaction. This desire prompts our every minutest action. If you don't believe me, try to find some other motive that will account for your bodily movements.

When this constant desire ceases death inevitably follows, because no human or animal life could go on without it. A person reputed to have died of a broken heart, for instance, has probably died of just this cessation of desire and nothing more.

Two Types.

Surely, then, the people who are always aware of such a condition of mind must live and more fully than those in whom it has become deadened or ignored. Thus the people who never stop "expecting something" are obviously more alive than the non-expectant.

The expectant, again, may be divided into two categories; those who live to rule and those who live

happily. Each method has its virtues. One could cite the Prince of Wales and Mr. Gordon Selfridge as two individuals who certainly live every minute. Both are in a sense compelled, in quite different ways, to live by rule.

But there are hundreds of artists and writers and odd job men, and even business magnates who decline to map out their day. The mere question of success or failure, I find, seems to make little difference. There are stage celebrities and film stars who can only be described as dead from the chin up, while many a humble aspirant to their honours is watching every movement of the game, living every second and ready to seize every opportunity.

A Few Examples.

A few examples discovered who "really" live. The one thing common about them is that their chief concern is either the present or the next moment. They are either enjoying or expecting to enjoy.

Three men paralysed from the waist, whose legs are merely an encumbrance, and whose disability causes them acute discomfort. Two of them are ex-Servicemen of the about 35, who run businesses of their own and wheel themselves about in chairs.

They are both clear-eyed, healthy and vivacious. They never grouse and seldom tire. Every instant of their time is occupied to the full. Incidentally, they have each quite a coterie of women friends.

An ex-chorus girl, now a domestic servant, who, though engaged to an actor she shortly hopes to marry, never hankers after the stage loves her work and regards it as training ground for the future.

A sister in a convent who has chosen her one and only vocation. An ex-Russian prince, now driving a taxi in Oslo, who declared to a friend of mine the other day that he had never eaten, slept or felt so well, and that only after adopting his present occupation had he awakened to the possibilities of life.

A young policeman on a pleasant beat in the Golden Green district of London, whose chief interests are the stars, trees and people. He knows most things about all three. And if one must generalize and talk in glasses, I would mention most people whose hobby is work; the majority of Salvation Army workers, the mill girls of the North, the Jewish tailors of White-chapel, Leeds and Manchester and those of the racing fraternity who can claim to be good losers.

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

Governor's Appeal for Generosity.

A DESERVING CAUSE.

At the annual general meeting of the Society for the Protection of Children, held in the City Hall yesterday afternoon, His Excellency the Governor, who presided, paid a tribute to the work of Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, M.C., Hon. Secretary, remarking that "it is largely due to his efforts that the Society has reached the position it now holds."

Speakers at the meeting included Sir Shou-son Chow, Kt., President of the Society, and the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D., Chairman of the Executive Committee.

The official speeches disclosed that the financial position of the Society was sound, and, in fact, was in a better position than last year, but His Excellency drew attention to the fact that such a statement did not infer that the Society had more money than it knew what to do with, and appealed for increased generosity in donations to the funds of such a deserving cause.

Dr. Kotewall's Speech.

The Hon. Mr. Kotewall said:—Your Excellency, ladies and gentlemen,—In seconding the motion for the adoption of the report and accounts, I desire, in the first instance, to associate myself with Sir Shou-son Chow in expressing grateful thanks to His Excellency the Governor for the practical interest he has shown by presiding at this meeting. The deep sympathy which His Excellency and Lady Peel have for the children of the poor, and the active part which Lady Peel takes in alleviating their sufferings and generally promoting their welfare, deserve to be more widely known, if only for the high example they set to others.

The activities of the Society have been so fully covered by the annual report and by the President's address, that very little is left to me to deal with. I should like, however, to direct special attention to the lack of hospital accommodation for children on both sides of the harbour. It seems to me that the time has come when, concurrently with the child-welfare work which is being so quietly and admirably done under the inspiring leadership of Lady Peel, there should be instituted children's hospitals which, besides helping to reduce infantile mortality, may go far towards abating that shameful practice of dumping the bodies of children in the streets. As a first, though very inadequate, step to this end, the Society has, as has been mentioned in the annual report, given some financial assistance to the Chinese Sisters of the Precious Blood towards fitting up and maintaining their hospital and out-patients clinic for children at Shamshui.

But this hospital provides only 30 cots which are sadly insufficient to meet the urgent needs of the Kowloon Peninsula.

The Chief Aim.

A fear has been expressed in certain quarters that the Society, in undertaking certain responsibilities, might fall into the indistinguishable role of an ordinary charitable organisation. While it must be admitted that part of our work is not dissimilar to that now performed by several other institutions, our chief aims are, to quote the Constitution of the Society, "to protect children and young persons by preventing, removing or mitigating any injustice done to them; to safeguard their morals; to prevent any act which causes or is likely to cause them unnecessary suffering or injury to their health; and generally to protect the interests of children." Some of these aims are peculiar to our Society, and we have always kept them before us, and have endeavoured to carry them into effect, as the annual report has shown. The Society has therefore, I trust, justified its existence.

Sir Shou-son Chow has made reference to my chairmanship of the Executive Committee. I feel that I do not deserve his kind remarks. If the Society has been able to show some tangible results of its labour, it is because the members of the Executive Committee, especially the two Honorary Secretaries, have worked hard, and have shown enthusiasm for their self-imposed task. It has really been a pleasure to preside over such a pleasant band of workers who, in spite of the many other calls on their time, have been very regular

QUEER FREAKS OF LAW.

An Offence to Talk to His Son.

MISDEMEANOUR.

Strange twists are sometimes given to the lives of people in America. Here are some examples of them.

For associating with his own son, John Hendrickson, a 65 years-old labourer, of New York, is in danger of going to prison for three years. He has been arrested under a new law which makes it a misdemeanour for any person to consort with known criminals—and his son is said by the police to have been indicted in 1926 for the theft of a motor-car.

Then there is the case of Jesse S. Conklin, who has practically no chance of ever getting out of gaol again. He has been taken back to the Auburn Prison, New York State, to complete a sentence for forgery. When this sentence is completed he will start to serve a life sentence under a law applying to habitual criminals.

If this is not enough to hold him in prison for the rest of his life, he is liable to be charged with escaping from another gaol, and also with stealing a motor-car while escaping.

A Sad Case.

Here is the sad case of Mrs. Jose Dennehy, of Chicago, who has only just discovered that her husband obtained a divorce from her more than two years ago.

This has not interrupted their normal home life, but now Mrs. Dennehy is asking permission to defend herself against the charge of drunkenness made by her husband in suing for his divorce.

Walter White, aged 25, of Detroit, has gone to prison through a girl he had never seen. He struck up a speaking acquaintance with her through an air shaft while they were both being detained in the county gaol.

Both were released on probation, but one condition imposed upon White was that he should not try to associate with anybody also on probation. He tried to see the girl when he got out of gaol, but after calling at her home when she was out, he was arrested again, and now has to serve his sentence.

Excellent Work.

In the course of his speech His Excellency congratulated the President and Committee on the excellent work they had done since the inception of the Society, and proceeded:—

"There can be no more noble work than the protection of children, and no more despicable crime than cruelty in this Colony, and I am not sure that, generally speaking, there is not less of it in the East perhaps than in the West. It is obvious that the greatest difficulty here is poverty. The difficulties of coping with it in a Colony like this, which lies on the fringe of a great country which contains hundreds of thousands of poor people, must be obvious to all, but such a Society as this can do a great deal for those living in the Colony if only they have sufficient funds, and I therefore strongly appeal for more money."

Government to Help.

Reference has been made to hospitals, and there is no doubt that the existence of accommodation for children is inadequate. The Tung Wah and Kwong Wah Hospitals have carried out certain additions in a generous manner in which they are famous. When the new hospital wing of the Kowloon Government Hospital is completed shortly, Government proposes in the first instance to divert its use for women and children. As most of you know, Government proposes to establish an infant welfare centre on the island next year, and hopes to establish on Kowloon in the following year. We are greatly indebted to the St. John Ambulance Association and to the New Territories Medical Benevolent Association, for the work they are doing, more especially on behalf of children, in the New Territories.

The Mat-Tail System.

This Society has also been useful in the matter of mat-tail and its work shows that there is much less hardship among this class than has been alleged. There is no doubt that the system has its defects, but there is also no doubt that it has saved the lives of many children who would otherwise have been unable to get enough to live on.

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AS OTHERS SEE US.

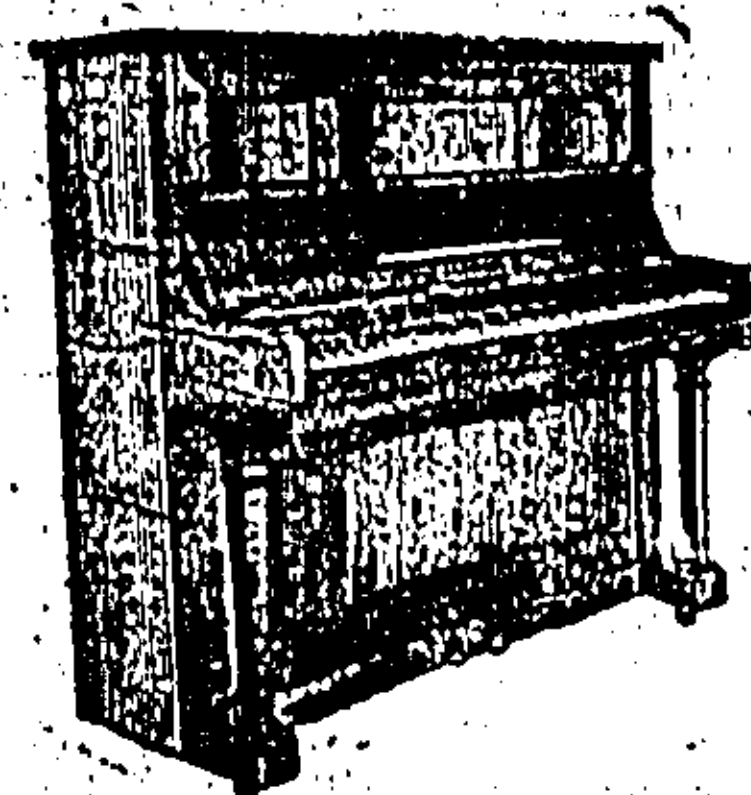
An American friend of mine has just reached Britain after a tour on the Continent (writes a correspondent of the Morning Post). In Brussels his wife brought large quantities of lace, and they expected to have to pay heavy duties on it on entering Britain. To their surprise they did not have to pay any duty. It happened that the next place they went to was Nottingham, where their most told them of the "unemployment among lace-makers."

"They still cannot understand it," "Say, are all your political guys crazy?" asked my friend. And I could only reply that, in some respects, they are.

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MAGISTRATE'S SUGGESTION.

Mr. R. M. G. Silva, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., disputed his summons at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for allowing his dog to be abroad without a muzzle, on the grounds that the summons was made out in a wrong name. The name on the summons was Sun Fat, and was described as the principal tenant on Mr. Silva's house in Peace Avenue, Homurthin.

Mr. Silva said that he was the only occupant of the house, and was the principal tenant. No person by the name of Sun Fat resided there.

Mr. J. A. Fraser, the Magistrate, said that the wrong name was only a defect in form, and the fact that Mr. Silva had answered the summons, was tantamount to a plea of guilty.

Continuing his Worship said I suggest to you that the better course is to hold the summons good. You can, if you wish, hold that it is bad, and in that case, if the Court upheld you, another summons would be taken out."

Mr. Silva agreed to let the summons stand and paid a fine of \$5.

RETURNED BANISHEES SENTENCED.

Three returned banishees, who were arrested while walking down the street together in Yau-mat, yesterday, were this morning sentenced to various terms of imprisonment at the Kowloon Magistracy, for returning to the Colony before the expiration of their banishment term.

Keung Kin, who has returned on three previous occasions since he was sent away for ten years in 1925, was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour. A similar term was imposed on Wong Choi, who was banished for 10 years in 1927, and Wong Kang, who was also banished for ten years in 1927, was sent to jail for nine months.

DOG OWNERS FINED.

Mr. L. F. Griffiths, of the P.W.D., was this morning fined \$5 for allowing his fox terrier to be abroad without a muzzle and not on a lead, on December 16. Mrs. King of No. 2, Alma Villas, was also fined \$10 for allowing her dog to wander in Nathan Road without a licence badge on December 17 and unmuzzled.

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NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.	Sunday, 14th February.
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† CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Tuesday, 29th December.
† PENANG MARU	Tuesday, 29th December.
† HAKODATE MARU	Wednesday, 6th January.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	Thursday, 31st December.
† TOKUSHIMA MARU	Thursday, 31st December.
† IYO MARU	Saturday, 2nd January.
† TAJIMA MARU	Sunday, 3rd January.

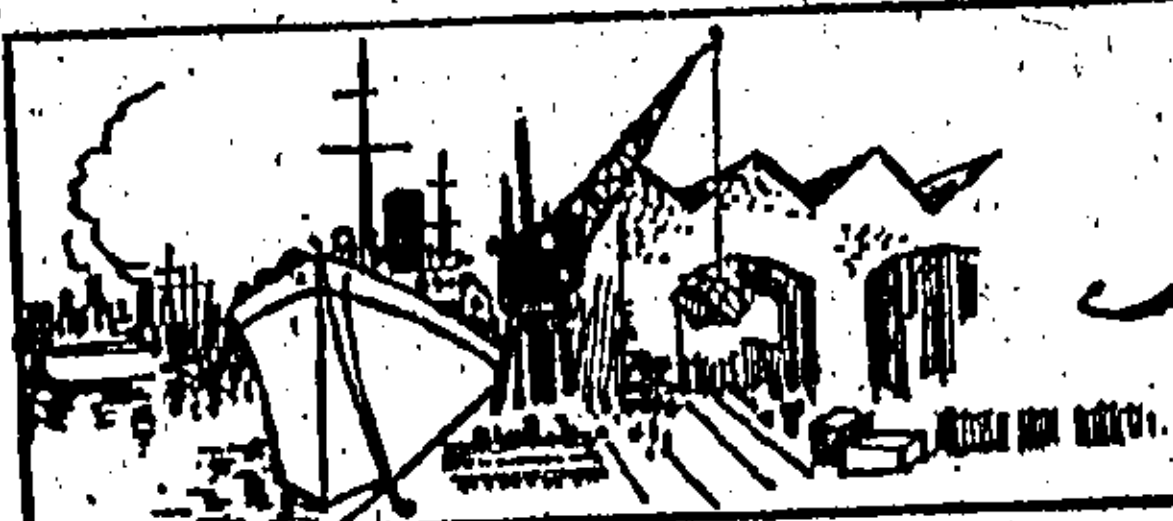
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SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Capetown.	La Plata Maru	Wed.	30th Dec.
MOMBAZA, ZANZIBAR, DAR-ES-SALAAM, BEIRA, LOURENCO, MARQUES, DURBAN, PORT ELIZABETH & CAPE TOWN.	Africa Maru	Tues.	5th Jan.
THENCE TO RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Singapore & Colombo.	Brisbane Maru	Tues.	5th Jan.
BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, AUCKLAND & WELLINGTON via Manila, JAPAN PORTS (Frequent Services).	Paris Maru	Fri.	8th Jan.
LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP via Singapore, Colombo, Suez & Port Said.	Kinal Maru	Sat.	2nd Jan.
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama. Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Havre Maru	Tues.	20th Dec.
BOMBAY & KARACHI via Singapore, Belawan, Deli & Colombo.	Hague Maru	Sat.	2nd Jan.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Belawan, Deli & Rangoon.	Hamburg Maru	Thurs.	31st Dec.
HAIPHONG via Hoihow.	Menado Maru	Thurs.	7th Jan.
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (8 p.m. every Sunday).	Canton Maru	Sun.	3rd Jan.
JAPAN PORTS via Takao & Keelung.	Canada Maru	Fri.	8th Jan.
TAKAO via Swatow & Amoy (Fortnightly).	Deli Maru	Thurs.	31st Dec.

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Shipping Intelligence.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Sunday, December 27.
Chengtu, British str., 1,338 tons, Captain W. L. Thomas, from Amoy, Stonecutters Anchorage.—B. & S.
Chungking, British str., 1,311 tons, Capt. Lovegrove, from Swatow, buoy No. C5.—B. & S.
Comeric, British str., 4,074 tons, Capt. J. Mann, from Canton, Yaumati Anchorage.—Bank Line.
Daviken, Norwegian str., 1,778 tons, Capt. G. Svane, from Swatow, West Point Wharf.—J. M. & Co.
Delagon Maru, Japanese str., 4,373 tons, Captain H. Takasu, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.
Golden Star, American str., 4,017 tons, Captain M. E. Shigley, Tacloban, buoy No. A3.—States & Co.

Haining, British str., 832 tons, Capt. E. Walker, from Swatow, Douglas Wharf.—Douglas & Co.

Hangsang, British str., 1,356 tons, Capt. A. D. Kelman, from Canton, buoy No. B2.—J. M. & Co.

Hydrangea, British str., 561 tons, Captain P. W. Grierson, from Swatow, Chiu On Wharf.—Chiu On & Co.

Mao Lee, Chinese str., 1,209 tons, Capt. Y. Watanabe, from Dalren, buoy No. C3.—Yei Tai Hong.

Nankwa Maru, Japanese str., 2,550 tons, Capt. S. Iwaki, from Port Redon, Kowloon Bay.—Y. Sato & Co.

Sokndal, Norwegian str., 1,176 tons, Capt. H. Sandrik, from Tongku, buoy No. A9.—K. Larsen & Co.

Tensan Maru, Japanese str., 1,538 tons, Capt. Yoshida, from Dalren, buoy No. B28.—D.K.K.

Tilawa, British str., 6,153 tons, Capt. E. Coleborn, from Amoy, buoy No. A1.—M. M. & Co.

Tijikarang, Dutch str., 6,064 tons, Capt. Jonge, from Amoy, Stonecutters Anchorage.—J.C.J.L.

Tijjalak, Dutch str., 3,612 tons, Capt. P. Meerman, from Manila, buoy No. A4.—J.C.J.L.

Monday, December 28.
Anshun, British str., 1,869 tons, Capt. Colloch, from Swatow, buoy No. B15.—B. & S.

Chipsing, British str., 1,199 tons, Capt. J. Moodie, from Canton, buoy No. B1.—J. M. & Co.

Deli Maru, Japanese str., 1,293 tons, Captain E. Sanada, from Swatow, Stonecutters Anchorage.—O.S.K.

Kwangtung, British str., 1,572 tons, Capt. J. Hodgkiss, from Canton, buoy No. B21.—B. & S.

Mabella, Norwegian str., 840 tons, Capt. Svendsen, from Bangkok, buoy No. B13.—Wing Fong Hong.

Newchwang, British str., 1,482 tons, Capt. J. Atkins, from Swatow, buoy No. B19.—B. & S.

Rizwan, British str., 3,305 tons, Capt. W. Savage, from Calcutta, buoy No. B25.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

Silverleaf, British str., 8,693 tons, Captain Leach, from Shanghai, buoy No. A11.—J.C.J.L.
Soochow, British str., 1,594 tons, Capt. H. Gifford, from Canton, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.

CLEARANCES.

Sunday, December 27.
Chakaang, for Swatow.
Chungking, for Canton.
Cracovia, for Singapore.
Delagon Maru, for Shanghai.
Haidis, for Canton.
Hosel Maru, for Port Courbet.
Hozan Maru, for Swatow.
Kentucky, for Manila.
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Shun Chih, for Saigon.
Solviken, for Canton.
Szechuen, for Swatow.
Tokiwa Maru, for Singapore.
Wing Lee, for K. C. Wan.

Monday, December 28.
Chengtu, for Hongay.
Comeric, for Rangoon.
Daviken, for Canton.
Deli Maru, for Canton.
Fingal, for Bangkok.
Golden Star, for Los Angeles.
Hangsang, for Swatow.
Hellas, for Swatow.
Hong Hwa, for Amoy.
Hsin Tai Ping, for Haiphong.
Hydrangea, for Swatow.
Kaying, for Hoihow.
Kueichow, for Canton.
Kwangtung, for Hoihow.
Mao Lee, for Canton.
Silverleaf, for Manila.
Taiyuan, for Canton.
Tijjalak, for Swatow.
Wong Shek Kung, for Saigon.

STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

The Ben Line s.s. Benarty from Leith, Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London, Straits and Manila is due to arrive here on January 6.

The E. & A. s.s. Nankin left Moji for this port on December 25, p.m., with the Japanese Mails, and is due here on December 29, p.m.

The B.I. s.s. Talma left Singapore for this port on December 24, p.m., and is due here on December 31, a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Japan (from Manila) is due here at noon on December 30 (Wednesday), and will berth at Kowloon Wharf.

The B.I. s.s. Talma left Singapore for this port on December 24, p.m., and is due here on December 30, a.m.

ARGENTINE PORTS.

The total traffic in Argentine ports for 1930 amounted to 9,887,000 tons of shipping, or 1,815,000 less than in 1929. The first place is taken by Great Britain with 4,289,000 tons (about 800,000 less than the previous year), the second by Germany with 950,000 tons. Then come Italy, United States, and France in that order.

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

Per s.s. Tilawa December 27:—
Capt. G. C. Oliveira, Mr. J. C. Castro, Mr. L. R. Silva, Mr. C. W. Junior, Mr. A. G. Alves, Dr. A. P. Cabral, Mr. F. Polseco, Mr. A. F. Pina, Mr. D. Ventura, Mr. D. M. dos Santos, Capt. J. J. Janssen, Capt. A. T. J. Hilckmann, Mr. A. A. Marques, Mr. A. Migucus, Mr. A. S. Santos, Mr. J. Madeira, Mr. A. de O. Belo, Mr. A. D. de Cruz, Mr. S. do Nascimento, Mr. P. P. Buleman, Mr. T. P. Kazeen, Mr. X. A. Heys, Mr. J. G. von Doesberg, Mr. P. la Mark, Mr. C. W. Koert, Mr. B. M. Wepster, Mr. T. Roos, Mr. J. Smith, Mr. A. T. W. Windhorst, Mr. K. Kiewiel, Mr. B. K. Smit, Mr. G. U. Overweg.

ATLANTIC DRAMA.

Liner's 17-Min. Rescue of Seaman Overboard.

When the White Star liner Laurentic berthed at Liverpool recently it was revealed that a member of her crew, a seaman named Robert Jones, had fallen overboard in mid-Atlantic, and was rescued in seventeen minutes.

As soon as the cry of "Man overboard!" was raised a lifebelt was flung to him, and the 19,000-ton liner was at once brought round and hove to. A boat was then sent off to rescue the man, who, although still clutching the life-belt, was half-frozen by the icy water. Once on board he was handed over to the care of the ship's surgeon and quickly recovered.

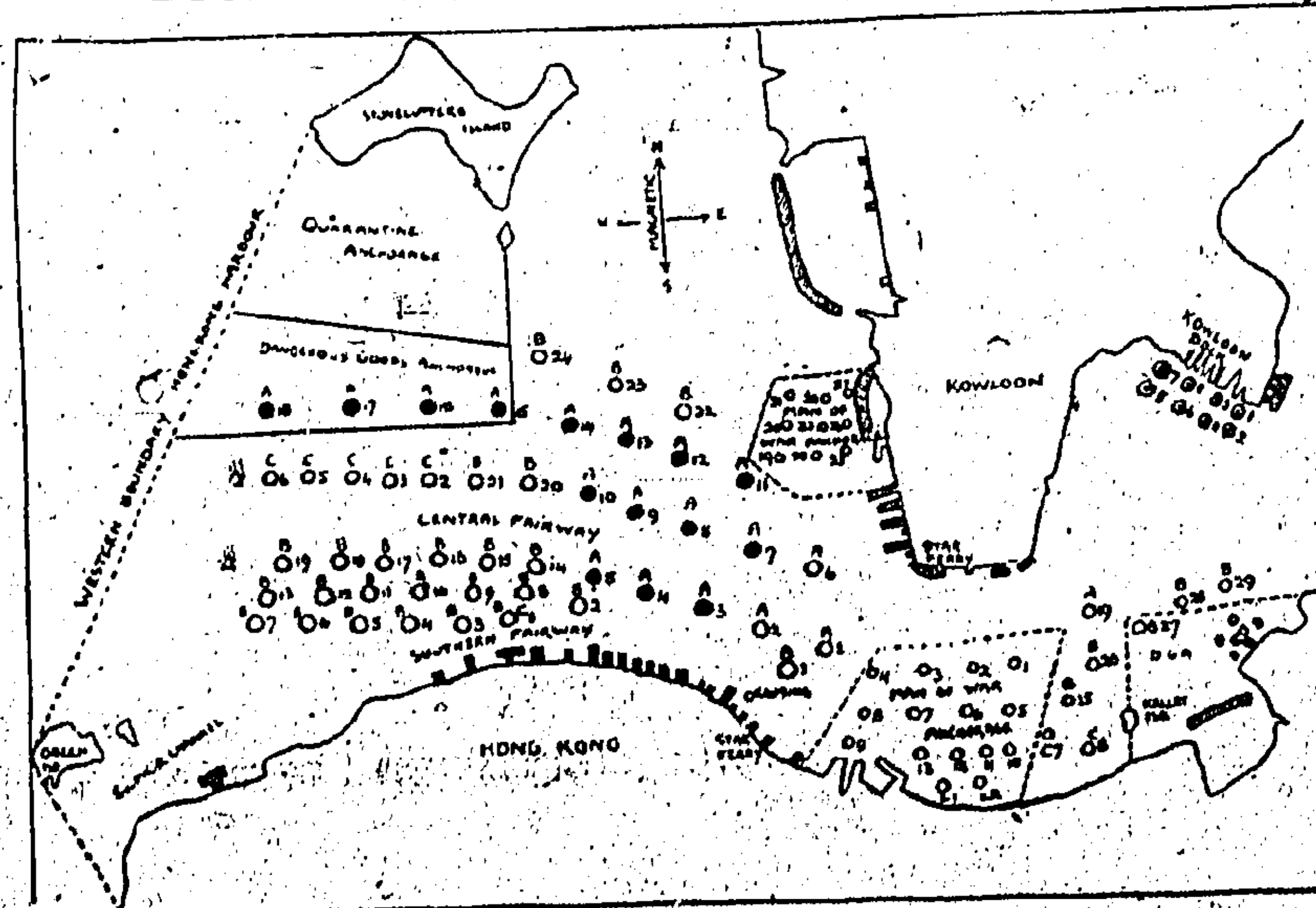
The rescue was a very smart piece of work, as less than thirty-five minutes elapsed from the time the seaman fell overboard until the liner resumed her homeward course.

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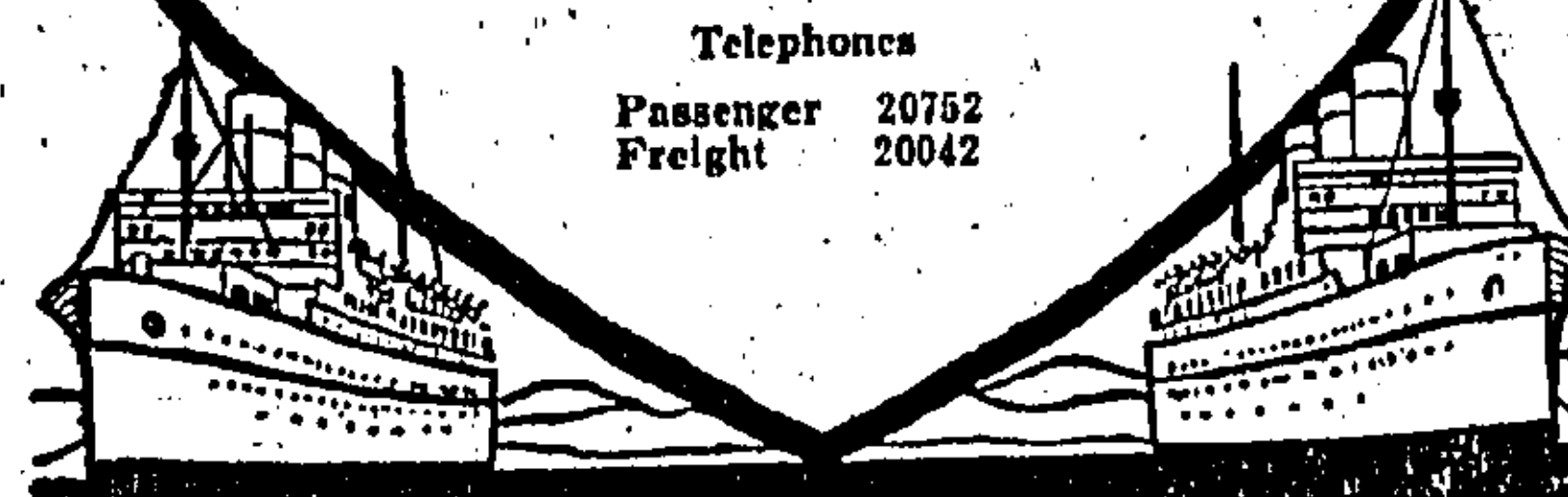
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*KARMALA	9,000	10th Jan.	M'selles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
CHITRAL	15,000	18th Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KASHMIR	9,000	25th Jan.	M'selles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
NALDERA	16,000	27th Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*SUDAN	6,800	5th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
CARTHAGE	15,000	12th Mar.	Marseilles & London.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	20th Mar.	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*BURDWAN	6,500	2nd Apr.	Marseilles & London.
CORFU	15,000	9th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	23rd Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANPURA	17,000	7th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
CHITRAL	15,000	21st May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANCHI	17,000	4th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
NALDERA	16,000	18th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	2nd July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*MANTUA	17,000	16th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	30th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANPURA	17,000	13th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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TALMA	10,000	1932. 1st Jan. 1 a.m.	Amoy, Shanghai, Kobe & Osaka.
CHITRAL	15,000	1st Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
NELLORE	7,000	4th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*KALYAN	9,000	10th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALAMBA	8,000	15th Jan.	Amoy, Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
KASHMIR	9,000	18th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*SUDAN	6,800	25th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
NALDERA	16,000	27th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANDA	7,000	28th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
CARTHAGE	15,000	29th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*BURDWAN	6,500	31st Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	2nd Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
CORFU	15,000	11th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	24th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*SOMALI	6,800	5th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
CHITRAL	15,000	18th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*BANGALORE	17,000	28th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
RANCHI	17,000	11th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
NALDERA	16,000	19th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
KASHMIR	9,000	2nd June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
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NEW TYPE OF SHIP'S LIFEBOAT.

Italian Engineer's
Invention.

An Italian engineer of Genoa, Prof. Luigi Gherardi, has invented a type of ship's lifeboat which, while adapted quite as much as the conventional lifeboat to safe lowering in circumstances of emergency, has the supplementary quality of affording better means of safety in the event of capsizing—so common an occurrence in boat launching in haste and rough sea. The lifeboat of standard form offers very unstable support when overturned, but the Gherardi design of boat, whose bottom throughout the whole length of keel is concave, has a considerable degree of stability in the upturned position, and provides carrying accommodation for more than half the people it accommodates when upright. It thus more than satisfies the 1929 Safety Convention's recommendation relating to the provision of means of clinging to upturned boats without increasing the risks incidental to lowering into the water. While this, in brief, describes the distinguishing feature of the new lifeboat it meets B.O.T. standard requirements in other respects as to buoyancy and stability. Constructed of steel, these boats are of standard dimensions, 36 ft. 8 ins. long, 13 ft. 6 ins. broad, 4 ft. 3 ins. deep, and are capable of accommodating 145 persons upright, and about 80 persons when capsized. In its greater breadth relatively to length, as compared with conventional boats, and in its carrying capacity when upturned, the proposed boat really partakes largely of the raft character. Many authorities regard well-constructed rafts as the most efficient form of life-saving equipment, now that in dire emergency succour from other vessels can so readily and promptly be secured by wireless.

Boats Versus Rafts.
If, indeed, the provision of lifeboats capable of keeping the sea over long distances is not now so important, it may well be asked why should not rafts and life-boats, pure and simple, be more extensively adopted. Wholesale substitution, of course, would not be practicable nor advisable, but the limited installation of standard lifeboats could thereby be made more perfect in many ways as to size, motive power, etc. As a compromise between lifeboats and rafts much might be said in favour of the Gaskin type of lifeboat, introduced some years ago, and of which one is forcibly reminded by the Gherardi lifeboat above referred to. Both have the properties of being stable and capacious with either side upmost, this quality, in the Gaskin boat especially, being a very distinct asset. Several shipowners spoke most favourably of the Gaskin boat when first brought forward, and why so little has been heard of it since seems strange. There is much need, it appears to us, for revising the accepted standard of life-saving (Continued in next column.)

"SILVER ISLANDS."

Liner Steamers in Sea of Light.

Passengers by the Orient Company's steamer Orsova describe an extraordinary phenomenon which they witnessed in the Arabian Sea when on the way to Australia.

Shortly after sunset the ocean appeared to become milky white and luminous. For an hour only a dull glow was noticed, but from eight o'clock till eleven o'clock the whole of the ocean surrounding the ship took on a pallid, luminous appearance, gradually brightening till the sea appeared to have turned completely white.

On the horizon dark clouds presented a sudden contrast with the flapping, silvery water.

Occasionally dense masses of marine undergrowth appeared on the surface and immediately became phosphorescent, the glow increasing until the whole was a mass of shimmering white. When this occurred the ship appeared to be passing silver islands on a luminous sea.

"It was an eerie experience," said one of the passengers on arrival in Sydney. "The strange beauty of it fascinated all of us, and none felt that he could go to bed while it lasted."

Changed by Moonlight.

"It was not until the moon appeared that the sea regained its normal appearance and we could tear our eyes away from it. It was almost a relief when the phenomenon disappeared."

Officers of the ship lowered boats over the side, and collected quantities of the sea water, which, close at hand, seemed to be in every way normal.

It was stated later that an earthquake had been recorded at Indian observatories at the time the phenomenon was witnessed.

Museum authorities in Sydney stated that the phosphorescence was undoubtedly due to a minute sea organism, which became luminous in certain circumstances.

The earthquake possibly assisted the display, causing the release of immense masses of seaweed from the ocean floor. On reaching the surface they were covered by the organisms and began to shine.

equipment on board ship as respects the advantages of life-rafts and of ordinary lifeboats.

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Dec. 29, 1931, to Jan. 4, 1932.

Date	High Water	Low Water
	Standard Ht.	Standard Ht.
	Times.	Times.
	H. M. F.	H. M. F.
Tues. 29	13 50 4.8	06 57 0.6
Wed. 30	00 02 7.7	07 00 4.0
Thurs. 31	14 29 4.3	07 59 4.1
	00 05 7.0	08 23 1.5
	10 05 4.9	19 25 4.1
Fri. 1	01 42 8.2	09 15 1.9
	15 45 5.1	21 30 3.9
Sat. 2	02 50 5.3	10 00 2.5
	16 32 5.8	23 10 3.3
Sun. 3	04 55 4.4	10 45 2.9
	17 24 6.0	10 45 2.9
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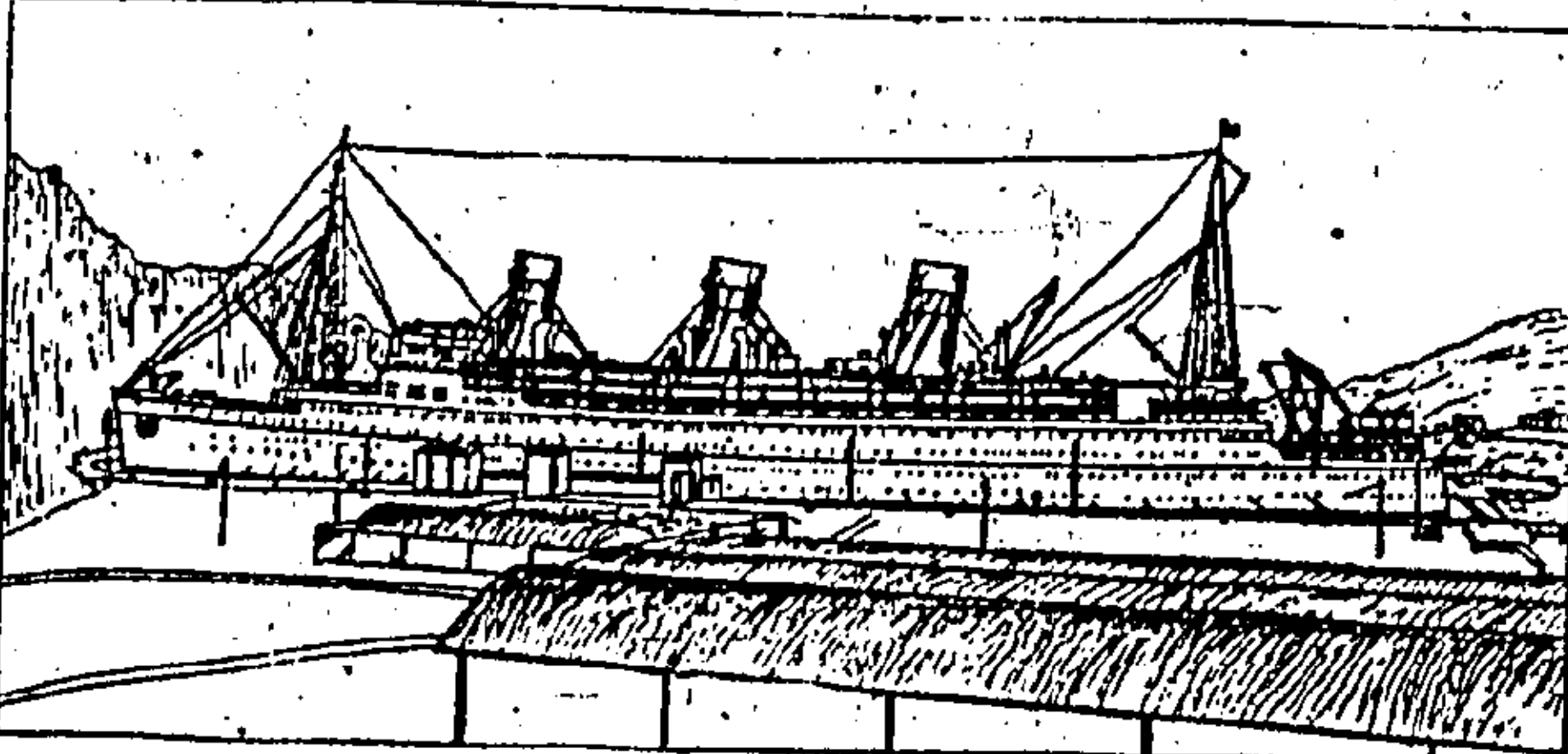
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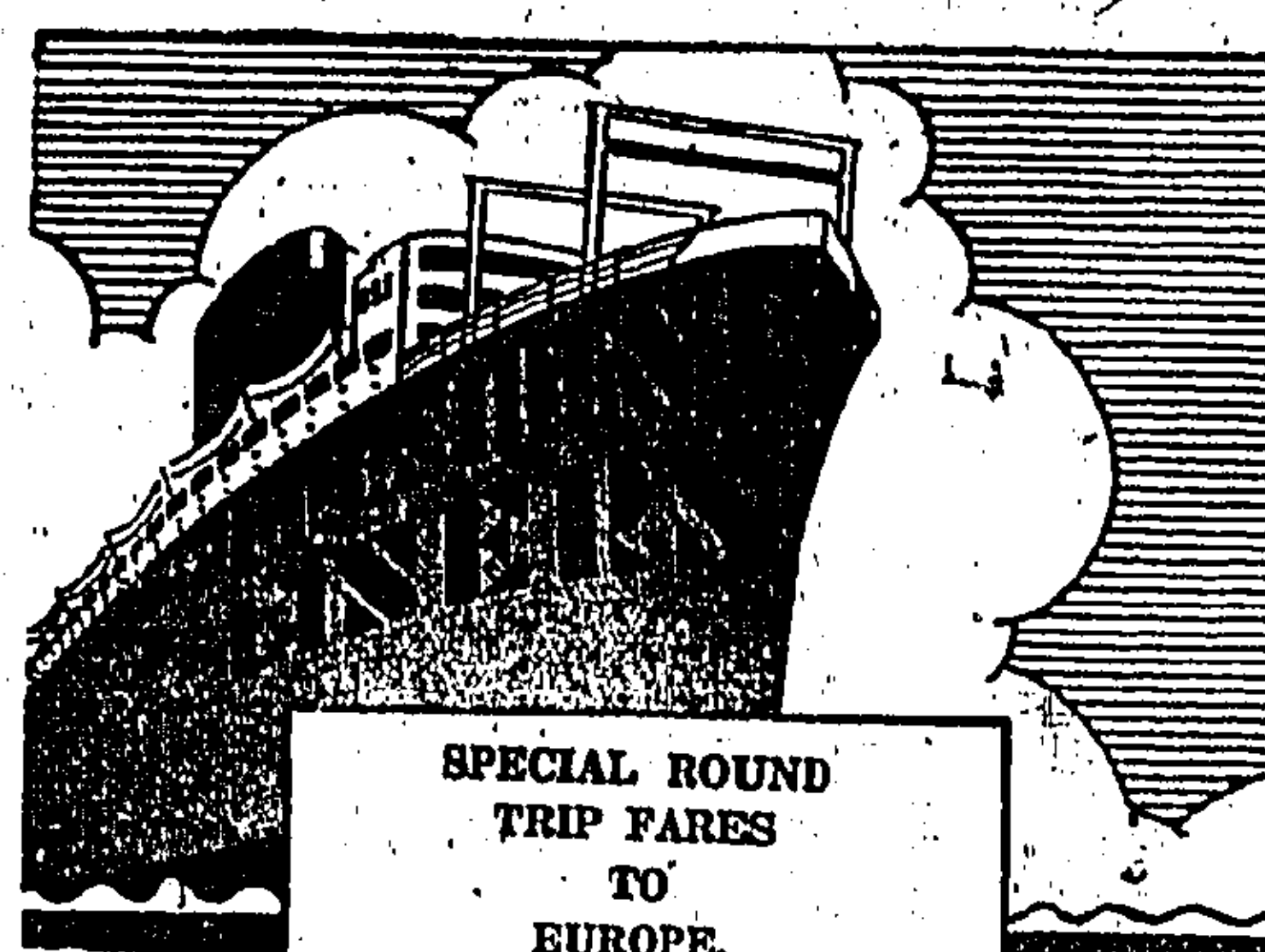
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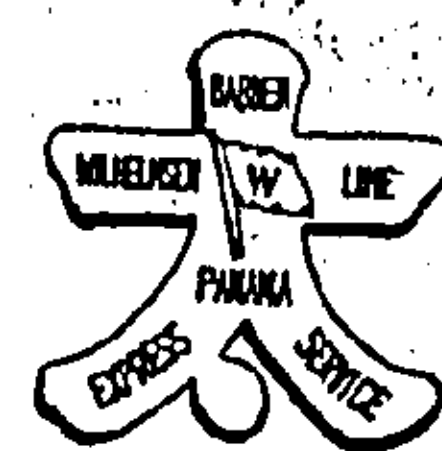
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RADIO TOPICS

DAY OF OUTSIZE RECEIVER OVER

GOOD RESULTS FROM A COMPACT
CABINET.

Without a doubt the day of the long, rectangular receiver is passing. Two or three years ago the tendency for multi-valve sets was to become longer and larger than ever before, and we began to wonder where it would end. This, however, was before the days of screening in h.f. stages.

Nowadays, the tendency of sets, whether single or multi-valve, is to become smaller and smaller. This state of affairs has been greatly accelerated recently by the introduction of screen-grid and pentode valves. Super-heterodyne sets are, of course, the outstanding examples of modern compact receivers, and at times are enveiled into a surprisingly small compass.

Many Advantages. The advantages of a compact receiver are most obvious. No one, except perhaps those who began to wonder where it would like to impress the ignorant, wants a receiver resembling a miniature sideboard when equally good results may be obtained from a smaller set. The smaller is also often easier to operate.

Then there is the question of batteries; a set which is so arranged that all the batteries are included in the cabinet is undoubtedly neater in appearance than one which is connected to the batteries by numerous long and straggling wires.

Damage to the batteries or valves is also more likely to occur in the latter case. Compact receivers, if designed properly, do not lack in efficiency compared with others. In fact, the opposite is usually the case, and results can be extraordinarily good.

Wiring Should be Short.

As just indicated, correct design is a very important factor with compact receivers. If the components are not arranged properly, untold trouble may result, due to oscillation both at low and high-frequency, which may lead to the development of other faults.

Short wiring and correctly arranged compact receivers are two things which go hand in hand. To keep leads short, particularly the grid and plate leads, is the aim of all designers, and explains to a large extent why small sets can be so efficient.

When the wiring of a receiver consists of short lengths of wire, there is little capacity or interaction between the various leads, and consequently feedback effects are reduced.

In designing a compact set the chief obstacle is the fact that all components, both on the h.f. and the l.f. sides, must be brought close together.

The Only Trouble.

As far as the low-frequency side of the set is concerned, such things as l.f. transformers and chokes are the only components likely to give trouble. Therefore, provided these are arranged so that their magnetic fields are at right angles, there is little difficulty in obtaining a compact set when no h.f. stages are employed.

On the high-frequency side of the set it is a different story. If the wiring is kept short, the components must of necessity be close together. This means that coils and condensers would be likely to cause feedback.

The obvious way to overcome this is to have recourse to screening which, nowadays, is to be found in most sets with h.f. stages. There is, however, a certain limit to the closeness with which screening plates may be placed to the coils without producing heavy losses. Thus a definite minimum area is fixed for the h.f. part of multi-valve set.

Much More Efficient.

As far as the h.f. stages are concerned, modern receivers are not cramped nearly so much as the older types. There are more components to be fitted in with the recent types of circuits, and fixed condensers are used to by-pass at quite a large number of points.

Nevertheless, it must be remembered that modern arrange-

ments are more efficient, and one valve can often be arranged to give the results that were once only obtainable from two.

Portable receivers form a good example of what can be done in the way of compactness but in such cases results are sometimes sacrificed for the sake of smallness. Very often the desired size is obtained by dispensing with certain parts. For instance, a complete tuned circuit with its associated coils and variable condenser may be omitted, and an aperiodic scheme employed instead.

Magical Results.

Where a set is to be used on one wave-length only, the design is greatly facilitated, since all variable controls can be omitted as far as the tuning is concerned. Also, coils designed for one wave-length, or a very small band, can be much smaller than if they were designed to cover a large band.

Even when a set is arranged in a cramped manner by one inexperienced in designing sets, it will sometimes give very remarkable results. This is certainly largely a matter of luck in not getting much back-coupling between the components. The efficiency, however, is undoubtedly due to the resulting short wiring.

It is hard to believe the difference that really short leads can make until experiments are carried out.

A Common Coil.

The various peculiarities which are features of the chief forms of coupling are worth attention. In regard to magnetic or inductive coupling, for instance, we have said that a magnetic effect from one coil to another is responsible for the transfer of energy from the one circuit to the other. Suppose, however, that instead of using two separate coils, one in each circuit, we place a part of one coil in both circuits?

This is a very common practice, and anyone who uses a centre-tapped coil or an aerial tapping on a grid coil will recognize the method. Such an arrangement is termed "auto-coupling" to distinguish it from the use of two separate coils.

Strangely enough, although in all such cases there is a direct metallic connection between the first and second circuits, there is a magnetic coupling, too, between the adjacent turns. And as this effect is not altered by the direct metallic connection, such an arrangement continues to act like a pure magnetic coupling and may be considered as such.

Automatic Uncoupling.

In addition to the various main couplings between the stages of a multi-valve set (intervalve coupling) the modern receiver embodies many auxiliary coupling arrangements for one purpose or another.

The neutralising condenser, for instance, is merely back-coupling to stabilise the valve, which otherwise by its mere construction is rendered too "lively."

The neutralising condenser acts as a capacity coupling to apply just the required strength of impulse to the grid of the amplifying valve. The neutralising winding (magnetically coupled to the primary) is so arranged that it applies to the neutralising condenser (and thence to the grid) impulses which are opposite in phase to those upon the plate of the valve.

Neutralising, in fact, says the wireless correspondence of the Malay Mail, is nothing more nor less than the automatic uncoupling by means of a condenser, of the unwanted effects of condenser, coupling.

Did you know that HSIP (Bangkok, Siam) has been broadcasting to the King of Siam in the U.S.A.? The 24.45-metre wave was used for this purpose, and the transmissions were relayed by KKZ (Bolinas, California) on 22.17 metres.

RADIO EXHIBITION.

Figures are now available in connection with the Radio Exhibition at Olympia, and show that the number of wireless sets ordered was approximately 1,000,000, the value being roughly £10,000,000. Compared with last year the figures are illuminating. Last year there were 650,000 sets sold, at a value of £7,000,000. Apart from sets, orders for 8,000,000 valves were placed at the Exhibition, representing a value of £3,500,000, as compared with 5,300,000 last year and £2,600,000. Batteries also sold better this year. Orders were taken for 10,000,000, representing a value of about £4,000,000.

At the end of 1930 there were 3,391,042 wireless licences in force, and this number has since been increased to 3,785,176.

World Radio recently gave these figures and also an analysis and a map showing how the licences up to December 31, 1930, were distributed in Great Britain and Ireland. In England and Wales there were 2,440,480, the London area leading with 585,507; while next in order came Lancashire, 357,314; Yorkshire, 295,549; Warwickshire, 145,323; Surrey, 121,114; Kent, 117,346; and Essex, 102,591. All the other counties were below the 100,000 mark, including Staffordshire, 76,662; Gloucestershire, 70,889; Leicestershire, 49,444; Worcestershire, 35,271; Shropshire, 19,938; and Herefordshire, 8,809. In Scotland there were 210,369 licences, in Wales 118,941, and Northern Ireland 30,745.

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" Roast	燒牛肉	"	83	24
" Breast	燒牛肉	"	80	20
" Soup	湯牛肉	"	27	20
" Steak	燒牛肉	"	83	24
" Steak Sirloin	燒牛肉	"	46	30
" Sausages	牛腸	"	83	25
Sallock's Brains	腦	per set	17	10
" Tongue, fresh	牛舌	each	75	60
" Tongue, corned	牛舌	"	60	—
" Head	牛頭	lb.	24	18
" Heart	牛心	lb.	24	18
" Horn, Salt	牛角	"	20	18
" Feet	牛蹄	each	12	10
" Kidneys	牛腰	"	15	10
" Tail	牛尾	"	27	20
" Liver	牛肝	lb.	24	18
" Tripe	牛肚	"	8	6
Calves' Head & Feet	牛頭及蹄	set	\$1.50	\$1.00
Mutton Chop	羊排	lb.	44	24
" Leg	羊腿	"	44	24
" Shoulder	羊肩	"	44	24
" Saddle	羊鞍	"	44	24
Pig's Chittlings	豬蹄	Per set	50	27
" Brains	豬腦	lb.	18	15
" Feet	豬蹄	"	28	15
" Fry	豬油	"	20	20
" Head	豬頭	each	18	10
" Heart	豬心	"	16	10
" Kidneys	豬腰	"	16	10
" Liver	豬肝	lb.	60	30
" Pork Chop	豬排	"	38	25
" Leg	豬腿	"	40	—
" Loin	豬腰	"	44	60
" Fat or Lard	豬油	"	26	21
" Sheep's Head & Feet	羊頭及蹄	set	60	60
" Heart	羊心	each	12	8
" Kidneys	羊腰	"	15	12
" Liver	羊肝	"	45	25
Sucking Pig, to order	乳豬	lb.	25	25
Suet, Beef	牛油	"	30	20
" Mutton	羊油	"	36	26
" Sausages	牛腸	"	28	—
Fish.				
Barbel	鰱魚	lb.	50	16
Bream	鯉魚	"	34	20
Canton Fresh Water Fish	淡水魚	"	34	—
Carp	草魚	"	36	13
Catfish	鮰魚	"	36	16
Codfish	鱈魚	"	36	12
Croaker	鱸魚	"	54	16
Crab	蟹	"	26	23
Cuttle Fish	墨魚	"	26	16
Dace	黃魚	"	48	23
Dog Fish	狗魚	"	22	10
Eels, Conger	鰻魚	"	64	10
" Fresh Water	淡水鰻	"	68	16
" Yellow	黃鰻	"	54	10
Frog	青蛙	"	78	28
Garoopa	石斑	"	110	32
Gudgeon	石斑	"	22	40
Herrings	鱈魚	"	32	22
Halibut	鱈魚	"	36	13
Labrus	石斑	"	30	18
Loach	石斑	"	80	22
Lobsters	龍蝦	"	80	62
Macarel	鱈魚	"	46	32
Monk Fish	石斑	"	46	20
Mullet	石斑	"	38	18
Oysters	牡蠣	"	50	12
Pacific Fish	太平洋魚	"	24	14
Perch	鱈魚	"	28	16
Pike	鱈魚	"	42	16
Plaice	鱈魚	"	54	36
Pomfret, White	石斑	"	58	24
Pomfret, Black	石斑	"	44	36
Prawns	蝦	"	35	10
Ray	石斑	"	26	10
Rock Fish	石斑	"	26	13
Roach	石斑	"	38	22
Salmon	鮭魚	"	58	36
Shark	鯊魚	"	20	8
Shake	石斑	"	20	10
Shrimp	蝦	"	52	33
Skipper	石斑	"	48	33
Sole	石斑	"	38	22
Tench	石斑	"	38	26
Turbot	石斑	"	38	12
Turtles, small fr. water	小水龜	"	1.55	12

Poultry.

		Dec. 23, June, June,		
		1931.	1931.	1931.
		Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Chicken	雞	lb.	80	30
Capon, Small	小雞	"	70	28
Capon, Large	大雞	"	75	28
Duck	鴨	"	48	22
Doves	鴿	each	22	21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	雞蛋	per doz.	38	18
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	新鮮雞蛋	"	40	25
Fowls, Canton	本地雞	lb.	84	36
Fowls, Hainan	海南雞	"	70	35
Geese	鵝	"	50	24
Pigeons, Canton	白鴿	each	55	30
" Hollow	白鴿	"	50	29
Turkeys, Cook	火雞	lb.	85	—
Turkeys, Hen	火雞	"	80	61
Snipe	沙鵲	each	30	—
Pheasant	山鵲	pair	2.50	—
Quail	鶉	each	35	—
Partridges	鶉	"	1.10	—

Fruits.

		Dec. 23, June, June,		
		1931.	1931.	1931.
		Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Almonds	杏仁	lb.	1.20	85
Apples (California)	金山蘋果	"	24	26
Bananas (Bird's)	鳥山香蕉	"	8	4
Carambola	楊桃	"	12	—
Cocoanuts	椰子	each	14	10
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	12	25
Lemons (American)	金山檸檬	each	16	8
Lichees, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	1.00	25
Oranges (Canton)	新會橙	"	18	—
Oranges	橙	"	14	15
Pears (Canton)	沙梨	"	36	—
Peanuts	花生	"	14	10
Perseimmons, Large	紅柿	"	12	—
Plantain	大蕉	"	5	8
Pumelo, Siam	暹羅柚	each	18	12
Walnuts	胡桃	lb.	80	16
Grapes	葡萄	"	65	—

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes	竹筴	each	12	—	2
Beans, Soyab	豆	lb.	6	—	7
" Long	長豆	"	—	—	8
Beet Root	紅菜頭	"	14	—	—
Bitter Squash	青瓜	"	8	24	—
Brinjals, Green	青瓜	"	8	5	3
" Red	紅瓜	"	8	5	3
Cabbage, Chinese	芥菜	"	10	—	—
" (Shanghai)	上海菜	"	12	12	—
Cane Shoots, bunch	菜心	"	4	—	—
Cauliflower (Large)	大花椰菜	each	40	—	—
" (Medium)	中花椰菜	"	35	—	—
" (Small)	小花椰菜	"	25	6	6
Carrots	紅蘿蔔	lb.	8	5	6
Celery, Chinese	奧菜	"	16	10	6
Chillies, Dried	辣椒	"	18	25	5
" Red	紅辣椒	"	14	10	10
" Green	青辣椒	"	8	8	12
Curry Stuff, English	薑料	"	10	8	—
Cucumbers	青瓜	"	10	2	—
Garlic	蒜頭	"	8	6	6
Ginger, Young	子薑	"	10	7	—
" Old	老薑	"	8	26	—
Horseradish, Shanghai	—	"	60	8	4
Indian Corn	粟米	each	10	45	—
Lettuce	生菜	"	6	1	—
Water Chestnuts	荸薺	"	12	—	8
" Mandarin	桂林馬蹄	"	14	—	8
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮草	"	—	—	—
Okros	—	"	—	1	10
Onions, Bombay	洋蔥	"	10	8	8
" Green	綠蔥	"	6	4	6
" Shanghai	上海蔥	"	8	6	—
Paraley	升登	"	20	60	8
Potato, Sweet	番薯	"	5	8	—
" Japanese	日本薯	"	—	3	—
" American	金山薯	"	8	3	—
Pumpkin	冬瓜	"	5	4	4
Radish	紅蘿蔔	"	—	—	—
Rhubarb (Fresh)	大芥	"	—	—	10
Shellots	大蒜	"	8	—	8
Spinach	大芥	"	8	8	—
Tomatoes	茄	"	12	4	—
Taro	芋頭	"	6	7	—
Turnip, Funtai (Long)	長白蘿蔔	"	6	8	—
Vegetable Marrow	菜	"	10	4	—
Water Cress	—	"	15	15	—
Water Lily Root	蓮藕	"	6	15	—

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Raw Cotton Supplies.

The Empire Cotton-Growing Review discusses the serious position arising as a result of bumper American and Egyptian crops forecasted for 1932.

U.S. Unemployment.

The Senate Committee, which is recording evidence in connection with the unemployment problem, yesterday was told that the spectre of starvation was facing millions, and that \$700,000,000 would be needed for relief in 1932.

Air Journey Mishap.

Bata, the Czech-Slovak boot-manufacturer, is reported missing. It appears he was on a business trip by air to the Far East, when, in dense fog, his machine crashed in the mountains in West Austria. So far only two of the party have been able to establish communication with the world.

Mr. Arthur Henderson.

Who has benefited by his holiday in the south of France, is expected back in London shortly. He may have to undergo a slight operation, but, it is hoped, this will not permit him from presiding at the World Disarmament Conference in February.

Reparations and Germany.

A conference between the British and French Premiers on Reparations is likely soon to take place.

British newspapers, commenting on the Basle report concerning Germany's inability to pay, sound warning notes, and emphasise that without stability prosperity cannot be recaptured.

A later message says that such a meeting is not at all likely until after the experts had completed the work on which they are now engaged.

NEWS TABLOIDS AND OVERNIGHT CABLES SUMMARISED.

Japan and Manchuria.

Japan has declared that she would not accept Manchuria as a gift; all she wants is to see her treaty rights protected. But this assertion is discounted in diplomatic circles in view of her decision to continue military operations at Chinchow, which is taken to mean that she intends to complete the conquest of Manchuria.

China has submitted to the League another note in connection with Japanese military activity in Manchuria.

Japanese troops have embarked upon an intense anti-bandit drive in the vicinity of the Peking-Mukden Railway.

Indian Unrest.

The situation in India is disturbing, though demonstrations in Peshawar are said to have quieted down.

Commenting on the renewal of disorder in India, the Premier likens it to the dashing away from the lips of India of the cup of freedom, and describes it as a mischievous movement for the trampling upon of Indian progress.

Snow in Scotland.

Snow fell heavily yesterday and several Highland centres are preparing for winter sports.

Gangster Acquitted.

Vincent Coll, who was indicted, with four others, of murder in the first degree, in connection with the deaths of three children in a New York street in August, has been acquitted.

Flood Relief.

Not £250,000, but £250 has been contributed for flood relief in China by the Society of Friends in Britain.

Nanking Elections.

It is considered significant that the occupants of the six highest positions in the new Government are civilians.

Rubber Restriction.

A scheme is said to have been devised, whereby European plantations will restrict output by 45 per cent of their 1929 output, and Native output will, probably, be reduced proportionately.

Statue of Eros.

There were many signs, yesterday, that its return to Piccadilly commanded popular approval.

Basil Dean's Plea.

At a film studio luncheon, yesterday, Mr. Basil Dean pleaded for Government departments' aid in providing facilities for backgrounds, and for the co-operation of the British-American film industries.

Thames Overflows.

The Thames rose to an abnormal height yesterday, and, an hour before high tide, had overflowed its banks at Gravesend.

Whist walking along Bowen Road yesterday afternoon, Miss E. St. Quintin, matron of the Military Hospital, was attacked by a Chinese, who, approaching from behind, pushed her into a nullah. She fell down about seven feet and sustained injuries. The culprit who is said to have bolted with her purse, was later arrested by an Indian policeman. Miss St. Quintin is now in hospital suffering from shock.

REPARATIONS CONFERENCE.

Venue and Date Note
Yet Fixed.

BRITAIN AND FRANCE.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The date and venue of the International Conference of Governments, concerned in the Reparations problem, upon which the Special Advisory Committee under the Young Plan has reported, have still to be fixed. Meanwhile discussions on technical issues that arise are proceeding between French and English experts.

The report gained currency in Paris that an early meeting between the heads of the British and French Governments was in prospect, but the French Prime Minister to-day denied that he had been invited to confer with Mr. MacDonald in London. He said it was not at present contemplated to hold any such meeting which would only be opportune after the experts had completed the task on which they were now engaged.—British Wireless Service.

THAMES OVERFLOWS BANKS.

London, Yesterday.
Following gales in the North Sea, coupled with spring tides, the Thames rose to an abnormal height to-day. An hour before high tide

GENERALLY OVERCAST.

The Royal Observatory's report issued this morning states:—

The anticyclone has strengthened slightly and spread Southward. It is now central near Peking.

The Japanese depression has passed into the Pacific.

Forecast:—N. E. winds, fresh; generally overcast.

Rainfall.
Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day — nil. Total since January 1—30.35 inches against an average of 83.06. inches — deficit 2.67 inches.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	63
Macao	63
Pratas Island	70
Manila	67
Foochow	56
Amoy	56
Chefoo	28
Shanghai	40

BRITISH FILM INDUSTRY.

Mr. Basil Dean's
Plea.

CO-OPERATION.

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London, Yesterday.
"Britain has the best artists, the best authors, and the best stories in the world," said Mr. Basil Dean at a film studio luncheon to-day, when pleading for Government departments to aid in providing facilities for backgrounds, and for the co-operation of the British-American film industries.

FALL OF SNOW IN SCOTLAND.

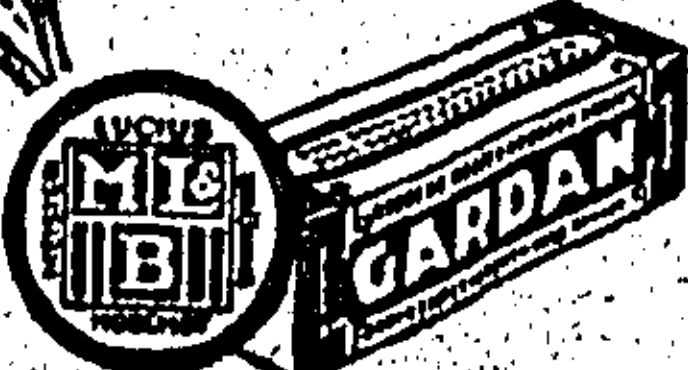
Rugby, Yesterday.
The recent warm weather is unlikely to continue, although snow is not yet forecast for England, but it fell heavily in parts of Scotland to-day. At several Highland centres preparations are in train for winter sports.

The Prime Minister, who is still at Lossiemouth, where, even over the Christmas holidays, much of his time was occupied with State business upon which he was in contact by telephone with Downing Street, motored this morning about twenty-five miles to a neighbouring golf course, but was unable to play owing to snow.—British Wireless Service.

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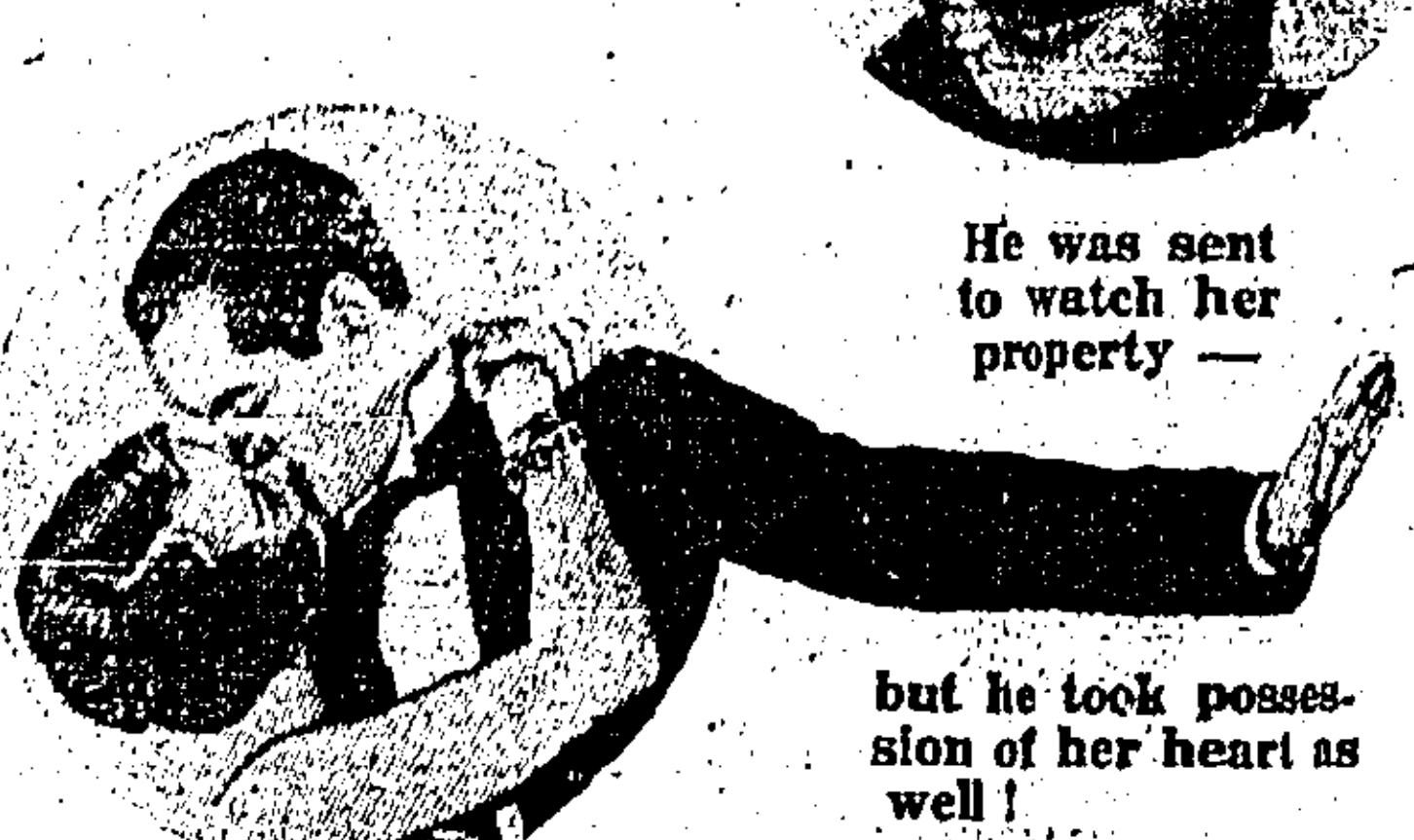
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